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LAST DAY OF THE INSTITUTE

Prizes Have All Been Awarded and Exhibits Sold at Auction.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR.

The Institute Was a Great Success From Every Point of View.

Prof. McCormick, of Normal, Gave a Fine Address on Education--Bering Burrows Tells How to Make Money in Poultry--Address on Dairying, A. Hebenstreit.

Today was the last day of the Macon County Farmers' Institute, which has been in session in this city for the past three days. The institute was by far the most successful that has even been held in the county and the officers and management feel highly gratified with the results of their efforts. Secretary Thrift, who has attended a number of the institutes in neighboring counties and has correspondded with officers of many of them says that the one in Macon county surpassed any of the others in this part of the state. There has been hundreds of farmers and city people in attendance at the sessions and they have been well prepared for the coming. The exhibits of farm and household products were this afternoon sold by action. The officers of the institute were also elected for the coming year. Below is given an account of the proceeds in detail.

TALK ON DAIRYING.

A. Hebenstreit, of Blue Mound, Gives Some Interesting Facts About the Business.

A. Hebenstreit of Blue Mound, gave an address on dairying at the forenoon session. He spoke of the importance of dairying because every farmer must have his own butter and milk. He spoke of the different breeds of dairy cattle, expressing a preference for the Jersey, the Guernsey next and the Shorthorn next. He said that the dairy cow must be fed a balance ration and told what he considered some of the best feeds. He impressed upon his hearers the importance of keeping the cows and milk clean if they desired to make good butter. He discussed various ways of keeping milk and said that he found the cream separator to be an excellent addition to the dairy and that separated cream made better butter, besides the sweet skimmed milk being left for feeding to hogs and calves. The address contained many valuable points in regard to the dairy business. Mr. Hebenstreit is a practical dairyman and has made a success of the business and his opinions are authority on the subject.

ADDRESSES ON EDUCATION

Delivered This Morning at the Institute by Prof. McCormick, of Normal University.

One of the most scholarly addresses of the institute was delivered this morning by Prof. McCormick, of the State Normal school. He spoke substantially as follows:

"I esteem it a great honor to have the privilege of addressing you. I recognize the fact, as all must who give the subject serious thought, that on argiculture rests all our civilization, all our wealth, all our arts and sciences and all our culture and refinement. All that we have comes from the earth. The homes we live in, the food we eat, the fuel with which we prepare it, and the dishes on which it is served can be traced back to the earth. And so may the clothes we wear, the books we read, the pictures that hang on the walls, the carpets on our floors and the jewelry that adorns our person. Although learning, culture and refinement may sometimes be separated from agriculture, yet as the trees, however tall they may be, and however proudly they may wave their branches, have their roots deep down in the soil, and from it draw their nourishment, so with all other arts and occupations of men, they must be founded on the tilling of the soil, otherwise they languish and die. This is inevitable. It has always been so and will continue to be so until the end of time. If for any reason the earth refuses to produce, see how soon the wages of the coal miners are reduced, the railroads go into the hands of receivers, the shops and factories close, men are thrown out of employment and poverty and want sit at the fireside of the people.

"But what has education to do with this, you will ask. It is all the work of our hands and in no way depends upon schools. It is not the work of your hand, but rather the work of your brains directing your hands. While I recognize you as producers of wealth I must call your attention to the fact that you are also destroyers. When you commenced farming you found the soil so rich that all you had to do was to scratch a little. Some of you are still scratching. You have been taking from the soil and returning nothing and so I say you are destroyers. I will not discuss the rotation of crops or other farming subjects, but will call your attention to one article which is within the reach of all, and I believe that you will agree with me that the more you use of it the larger will be your crops and the less the expenses of their production, and the more the fertility of the soil will be preserved. I mean brains, educated brains, the best and cheapest article ever used on a farm. It has already worked wonders. It has placed the American farmer above and beyond the farmer of every other country, in respect to all that is worth living for. It has given him a home that is all that can be desired in comfort and convenience. It has papered the walls of his house, carpeted the floors and placed good books on the shelves. It has brought the live stock from out of the cold into barns and changed scrubs into sleek cattle. All of this is done without subjecting the farmer to additional expense and much more would have been done had it been used more freely. Possibly you ascribe this to the fertility of your soil, your own intelligence and industry and the general atmosphere of American thrift. But other nations have soil as fertile and people work as hard and yet in order to keep body and soul together they have to practice a more rigid economy than you ever have dreamt of practicing.

"What has made the difference? I contend that the difference is due to the free public schools that dot the prairie and hillsides of America, and that have dotted them since the pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth and the Dutch at New Amsterdam. The faithful men and women who labored in those unpretentious buildings were the ones who laid the foundation for your prosperity. In those little school houses you were born again, born into a new life of thoughtfulness and intelligent industry. Of all men the farmers should be most interested in the public school system, as it has done and is doing most for him. Not only should he watch over the so-called common schools of the rural district, but he should also be solicitous about the graded schools in the neighborhood towns. For although he may not send his children to them they aid him very materially by making his land more valuable."

Prof. McCormick then explained that a farm situated near a school town was more valuable than one which was so far away that children could not be sent. He then referred to the education of the children in the country and spoke especially of the boys, saying that they were the most abused class in America. Home is not always made a place of freedom, joyousness and companionship for the boys that it should be. He said that the parents should treat their boys kindly and advise with them and encourage them in any honest labor they choose to follow out, for if all the boys remained on the farm there would be no one to whom their produce could be sold. He said that corn, pork and fat cattle were good products, but that boys were a better product and that the farmers ought to be proud of the fact that they could furnish the nation with sound bodied and clear brained boys who annually crowd into the towns and cities and become mechanics, merchants, lawyers, doctors, etc. The speaker dwelt at length on the subject of the education of boys and of the necessity of their being bought up in the right manner.

In referring to the question of schools the professor said that he was aware that many schools were poor, but that the money expended on the schools brought back good interest. A poor teacher was expensive at any price and as the children formed their characters more from the teacher than they did from the book they studied it was important that the teacher be the proper kind of person. Mr. McCormick spoke for some time on the importance of having the proper person hold the office of county superintendent of schools and said that the best man in the county was none too good for that position. He said that the schools enhanced the value of property and increased one's earning powers, but that it did still more, it developed men and women. Wealth, power and distinction are valuable but men and women are more valuable than all of them. The speaker said that the greed for money is too strong and that not enough attention is paid to the moral side, but the coming education would change things. In concluding he said "Moral force will be considered more desirable than intellectual power, but the union of the two will be the true teacher's ideal. The children will leave the school to enter upon the work of life with high aims and honest purposes, which will save them from the allurements of vice and the lust of power, and enable them to walk safely in the integrity of their manhood and womanhood the pride of their parents and saviours of humanity."

PROFITS IN POULTRY.

Instructive Paper Read at the Afternoon Session by Bering Burrows

The first paper in the afternoon was read by Bering Burrows on the subject "Profits in Poultry Raising." He spoke as follows:

"If I were to announce that during the year 1896 $220,000,000 was earned by poultry and that these figures were based on statistics collected from commission houses only, would any one be surprised? The grocery stores are left out of the calculation and no account is taken of the eggs brought in weekly by the farmers and traded for groceries and dry goods. Yes, there is profit in poultry if you have the right sort and give it proper attention. Here are the two leading questions. What variety and how to manage? As I take it this subject is more applicable to the farmers and therefore will be considered in that light. Select the variety that pleases you, first in looks—for whether you breed for fancy or for the market this is the first consideration, then as egg producers and finally as table fowls. Remember that nothing adds so much to your landscape as a uniform color among your flock nor more to your profit when a dozen live birds are brought to the market. If the Barred Plymouth Rocks are chosen get the best if it takes all your capital for one small breeding pen and raise as many as possible the first year with common hens. If this breed has merit the purer the better and your choice must now have your careful attention. No policy is more detrimental to breeding business than that of crossing. Do not try to improve upon a breed that has required years to bring to the present high state of cultivation, by presuming to introduce new blood.

"The breeding of poultry is no longer an experiment. Years have been spent in producing these ideals that should be kept so by pure breeding. If your means are limited and your idea not to go into fancy poultry see to it that your cockerels are all pure bred for any fancier can supply you with good birds at $1 each. You are then breeding up and improving your flock, whereas with cross bred cockerels your results are nothing but culls. There has always been a great cry among farmers against pure bred stock for utility. The idea of a cross bred lot of hogs being more thrifty and more easily fattened has generally prevailed and not only that but thoroughbred stock have often been condemned as delicate, more subject to disease and generally more unprofitable for the average farmer. One of the greatest features of good stock is good care. Whatever a farmer values will receive his best attention. An intelligent farmer is hardly contented in having his efforts wasted upon poor stock. He should therefore be as proud of his poultry as his horses and cattle. Whatever pleases the eye will sell for extra cars and whenever you have this you all know the result. In poultry as in every other variety of stock we have attractiveness and beauty closely allied and almost inseparable to utility and this is the aim of all our efforts. The explanation of the word utility in connection with fowls means, first, egg production; second, dressed poultry. These two characteristics are most carefully bred and fostered by the fancy breeders who vie with each other in the production of their favorite breeds. It is proved that the highest class exhibition fowls are best for market purposes. There is a popular notion among farmers that every spring a new set of cockerels must be obtained somewhere and as cheaply as possible. The result is that Mr. Smith thinks he can hardly afford to spend any money for new ones but finds that Mr. Brown has some fine large ones as badly mixed as his own he can trade for, and with a lot of mixed pullets and the cockerels of Brown's he starts out for another season. The result will doubtless be a repetition of former years, the lowest prices obtained and mixed stock for another year. If Smith had begun with thoroughbreds he could have drawn from his own flock instead of trading with Brown and kept the most choice cockerels for his own use, for inbreeding with poultry has proven a success for as many as eight years in the same line. George H. Northup, a great breeder of New York state, has inbred his prize winners for 11 years and lately sent a breeding pen to Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, the fowls being strong and vigorous enough for such a voyage. Other big breeders are doing the same thing. Do not introduce new blood if you have any blood at home that is worth reproducing. Someone will ask how about the old common fowl that run out and become of no account. The fact is that no selections were made in breeding and the best were picked out for the table and killed while today the best are kept for breeding purposes.

"Profits in poultry? Is it a question at all? The numerous poultry journals published throughout the country are ample evidence. Every month 80,000 copies of the Reliable Poultry Journal are sent out form Quincy, supported by breeders who pay well for advertising space and who have been before the public for years. For two years the state appropriated $2000 to encourage the cultivation of poultry. Are we to hang back and say that this is only to provide a state show and not to help us. Why are we not as farmers breeders of pure fowls that might have a place at the state show. With all the range, clean feed and natural advantages should we leave this important industry to our city neighbors? Are our farms too small or our time so taken up that we cannot receive a part of the $5,000,000 sent from this country every year to buy eggs for our wealthy town friends. The state board of agriculture appreciated the 3 00 birds that were sent to Springfield in 1895 and enlarged the space until the poultry building is now on a par with any of the others. The fancy breeders of pure bred fowls are getting fancy prices for their winter eggs by using the rubber stamp to indicate the day each egg was laid and this with their name on every egg is a warrant to the purchaser.

"Our country eggs sent in promiscuously are sold along with the packed eggs at a low price and our profits seem small accordingly. With a flock of early hatched pullets and early moulded hens of a good laying breed our profits should be large for winter eggs. A little consideration may be necessary. Extra precaution about warm quarters, absolute cleanliness and systematic feeding are essential. How many vegetables are standing in our gardens frozen and worthless that might have been good green food for winter layers. A blighted cabbage head suspended for the hens to jump at provides the exercise so necessary at this idle season. A quart of bran mash and boiled potato peels, with a pinch of salt, in the morning, a pint of whole wheat or oats scattered in the litter at noon, and a quart of whole corn warmed at night provides a good daily ration for every 15 fowls. Green cut bone every other day and old mortar or oyster shells at all times will help the layers and if the eggs are not forthcoming or your hens unhealthy look for vermin. All the diseases begin here. Do not wait till the fowls begin to die and your neighbor says he thinks your hens have the cholera or some other impossible disease, but take one up and look for the body lice and if you find any go to work. Put a pound of pure soap into one gallon of hot water, mix with one gallon of kerosene, worth 15 cents, and one pint of crude carbolic acid, worth 10 cents. Put the mixture in 12 gallons of rain water and spray your hen house thoroughly with a sprayer which will cost you 50 cents and which you can afterward use on your fruit trees. This is the great kerosene emulsion explained in your government report and is the greatest insect killer known and may save you many half dollars for advertised lice killers and condition powders, which are manufactured chiefly for us unsuspecting farmers who haven't time to read the books the government sends us."

Mr. Burrows in concluding gave the names of the different breeds of fowls and classified them. He also made some remarks about ducks and turkeys and gave some valuable information in regard to the extermination of chicken lice. Mr. Burrows gave a short description of the operation of caponizing fowls.

PRIZES AWARDED.

List of Those Who Received Premiums Offered by the Institute and Others.

The following are the special prizes awarded yesterday afternoon which were not published in yesterday's issue of this paper:

Best bushel of white corn, Deere Steel frame combined check rower and drill planter, offered by Spencer & Lehman, D. I. Shutter of Oreana.

Best 50 ears of white corn, Deere riding cultivator, offered by Spencer and Lehman, John Camp of Harristown.

Best 12 ears of white corn, Shellabarger Mill, one barrel of White Loaf flour, C. S. Davis of Elwin.

Best bushel of yellow corn, C. B. & Q., one United States steel corn planter, Joseph Brown of Warrensburg.

Best peck of clover seed, Satley riding cultivator offered by Leon & Morris, G. F. Gilman of Warrensburg.

Best peck of timothy seed, 14-inch steel beam walking plow, offered by J. M. Hughes & Co., J. B. Burrows of Long Creek.

Best bushel of white oats, Deere gang riding plow, offered by Spencer & Lehman, Adolph Bair of Boody.

Best six loaves baked of White Loaf flour, one barrel of White Loaf flour, offered by Shellabarger Mill, Mrs. J. W. Sanner of Decatur.

Best six loaves of bread baked from Norton's flour, 100 pounds of Norton's best flour, offered by McClusker & Davidson, Mrs Hubbard of Decatur.

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JAMES J. CORBETT, ACTOR

The Ex-Champion Pugilist Tells of His Stage Life and Success.

RETIRED FROM THE PRIZE RING

Says He Gave Fitzsimmons Every Chance to Fight Him Again

But the Offers Were Not Accepted---Will Now Devote His Time and Energy to the Stage---Has Introduced a New Play on a Higher Order.

James J. Corbett, actor and ex-champion pugilist of the world, arrived in the city this morning from Springfield, and tonight will appear at the Grand opera house in his new play "The Adventurer." A Republican reporter talked with Mr. Corbett today at the St. Nicholas hotel When asked if his theatrical venture this year was a success Mr. Corbett said: "Yes, I have been quite successful this season. I am now presenting my new play, 'The Adventurer,' and the production tonight will be only the fourth performance. The first was given at Peoria. The play is by Henry Guy Carleton, who wrote the 'Gilded Fool' for Nat C. Goodwin, and 'Butterflies' for John Drew and it is a higher class piece than I have ever appeared in and a much better play than any of the pugilists have ever attempted. After the entertainment tonight I will spar with John McVeigh of Philadelphia,

but I simply do it because there will be quite a number of people who will expect to see a sparring match. I want to eliminate that feature from my entertainments and the new play which I am now presenting has nothing in it suggestive of pugilism. It is a high class comedy, and we have plenty of scenery and a good company of 23 persons, Miss Millie James, the daughter of Lewis James, taking the leading part. The play I expect to present at the Broadway theatre at New York for a run next October. After this season's trip on the road I will not do any more sparring. I feel that I have dramatic talent and I want to be recognized as having merit as an actor. I think that in the larger cities I am recognized as such, but in the smaller places where I appear but one night of course the people do not expect to see anything but a pugilist and I think they will be surprised at our play.

"Yes, I have entirely given up the prize ring and have withdrawn permanently. I gave Fitzsimmons every chance in the world to fight me. I was defeated by an accident and was willing to fight him again but he would not take up my offers. Unless I could win back my laurels I do not care to continue as a pugilist and I proved that it is impossible for me to fight with Fitzsimmons. There are three things which a pugilist gains. He wins money, reputation and glory. I offered Mr Fitzsimmons $35,000 wagers to whip him in 10 rounds an he could not have won more money from anyone else. As for glory and reputation he could have gained more by whipping me again than by whipping anyone else for many of the people of this country think that I can still whip him. In addition to the money, reputation and glory that he could gain he would also have more satisfaction whipping me than anyone else because he don't like me, just as I don't like him. Fitzsimmons is a man who has never had much all his life and he is now on the stage and is willing to travel around and make a small amount, and does not want to risk the championship fighting again.

"I think that I have a large following who appreciated the manner in which I conducted myself during my career as a pugilist and these all advise and urge me to relinquish the prize ring. I receive letters every day from friends who tell me to give up fighting. This I am doing, and these same people I think appreciate me as an actor."

Mr. Corbett was asked if he thought there was anyone else that could whip Fitzsimmons. He said: "I don't like to talk very much about the prize ring. I have talked so much on the subject that I am tired of it and I know that the public must be tired of hearing about it." In regard to McCoy's chance Corbett said that he thought McCoy was a very clever man, but that he doubted whether he had enough experience.

Corbett looks well and his manner and appearance are polite and pleasant. His brother, Thomas Corbett, is traveling with him and acting as manager and Henry Guy Carleton, the author of the play is also with the company and the production is given under his supervision. Corbett says that he likes the stage and that he has had excellent success every place that he has been.

This afternoon Manager Given called upon Mr. Corbett and invited him to the club rooms of the Elks lodge to meet the members and pass the afternoon.

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A SENATOR AND A WIDOW.

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PART I.

There were six passengers to go by the Deadwood stage, at seven o'clock on a certain August morning, viz.: The widow Childers, State Senator Jones, a first lieutenant of infantry, two prospectors and your humble servant. At the breakfast table we were introduced to each other and had a few words, and we were all in good spirits as the vehicle drove up to the door. I got the seat beside the driver; Senator Jones sat beside the widow on the middle seat, and we were not at all over-crowded as we drove away.

Up to the time we started not a word had been said about road-agents, though we all knew that a stage was held up at least once a week on that line. It was a matter of interest to all, and yet it seemed a bit cowardly to broach the subject.

The widow Childers was a woman about forty years of age, fair looking, a good talker, and owned and managed a ranch in Kansas. State Senator Jones was a man of forty-five, a widower, well off, and slow of speech and action. The infantry officer was of the usual type—a good enough fellow, but inclined to look down upon us from a lofty height. The remaining three need not be mentioned.

"Now, then," began the widow, as the five inside passengers got settled down, "there is a chance that this stage may be held up. I've got about $700 with me, and I propose to fight for it. I want to know what you men are going to do?"

"Fight, madam," replied the lieutenant, as he lifted his cap.

"Of course!" growled the prospectors in a chorus.

"Yes, I expect we shall fight," added the senator, after thinking the matter over, but not appearing to have much interest in the question.

"Very well," continued the widow; "I have a revolver, as is no doubt the case with all the rest of us, and two have Winchesters besides. If we are stopped we fight."

We could hear her words on the seat above, and the driver turned to me with a wink and said:

"That's the way they allus talk, but you wait and see what it will amount to. Lord love ye, but if we are halted they'll climb down as soft as grease and as humble as jack-rabbits!"

"Do you think we'll be stopped?" I asked.

"Can't say, but I rather expect it. If we are, don't go and make a fule o' yerself. I see you've got a pop, but it won't do no good agin a double-barreled shot-gun. When ye git the word jest climb down with the rest and hold up yer hands."

"But if the others open fire—"

"The others won't open fire," he interrupted. "They ought to, but they won't. If they do, however, you kin blaze away with 'em. I shan't be in it myself. It's sorter understood that drivers look out fur their hosses and stand neutral."

Half an hour later, as the horses toiled up a long hill, we heard the widow saying:

"Senator, did you ever kill a man?"

"I can't say that I ever did, ma'am," he drawled.

"But if we are stopped you'll do your best to kill one?"

"I promise you that I will, though I don't like the idea of killing a human being. I am a peaceful man."

"And, Lieutenant, will you shoot to kill?" she asked of the officer.

"Happy to do so, madam," he replied.

"And how are you two men on the back seat?"

"We fight."

"She's at it again," whispered the driver, "but she can't fetch 'em up to the mark. It'll come on 'em so sudden that nobody 'll hev any sand to shoot."

We rattled down the hill on the other side, sped along a smooth road for half a mile, and then started to climb another hill. Half-way up, just where the bushes grew close to the narrow road and there was an open space on the left, a man sprang into the path about twenty feet ahead of the leaders and threw up his hand.

"Whoa now, but jest as I expected!" growled the driver, as he pulled up the horses.

The man had a double-barreled gun, but as soon as the horses came to a stand he nodded to the driver, passed along to the open left-hand window of the coach, and in a cool, calm voice, but one full of menace, he said:

"Good morning, all, and I will trouble each of you to alight! No funny business, now! At the first move I will open fire. Come down, please, and hand over your guns as you come!"

"Want to do any shootin'?" whispergly inquired the driver, as he soothed his horses.

"No."

"I thought ye wouldn't!"

Senator Jones was first down. That road agent knew his business to a dot. While he kept an eye on everybody inside and shot an occasional glance in my direction, he relieved the senator of his pistol and motioned him to stand back. The lieutenant followed and then the prospectors, and the fellow had just ordered me down when the widow Childers fired point-blank at him. The bullet grazed his left shoulder and drew blood, but the shot had hardly been fired when he wrenched the pistol from her hand, gave a glance at the men behind him, and said to the woman:

"I have never yet robbed a woman, but I shall begin on you. Have the goodness to descend and take your place with the rest, and you man up there, don't be over five seconds coming off your perch!"

"You miserable cowards!" exclaimed the widow, as she descended and glanced from man to man. "Lieutenant, you belong to the army?"

"Certainly, madam, and I know when not to fight!" he replied.

"Senator Jones, you acted like a school-boy!"

"I—I think I did," he answered.

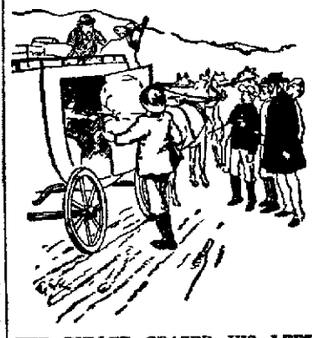
"And you two cowards—and you!" she continued, as she turned from the prospectors to me.

"Line up, now, and all hands up!" said the highwayman in threatening tones as he menaced us with his shot-gun.

With the exception of one we were a shame-faced crowd as we obeyed orders. The Widow Childers took the head of the line and folded her arms, but the rest of us elevated ours.

"Now begin at the head and shell out!" continued the man. "If there is any holding back I will have to go through your pockets."

The widow threw a roll of money at her feet. She had stated that she had $700, but this roll contained only $300. More prudent than the rest of us she had divided her cash. Senator Jones heaved a sigh as he deposited his watch and a roll of $500. The contributions from the rest of us were light, but the gross sum seemed quite satisfactory to the highwayman. He had a soldier's haversack slung over his shoulder, and



THE BULLET GRAZED HIS LEFT SHOULDER.

into this receptacle went watches and money. Ten minutes after he stopped the stage he was ready to go, and said to the driver:

"All right up there. You can drive on to the top of the hill and wait for your passengers."

When the vehicle had moved on about ten rods he said we were at liberty to overtake it, and at the same moment disappeared into the bushes. The five men of us started off, but the Widow Childers sat down on a bowlder. When we returned to her she said:

"Of all the jack-rabbits wearing boots and hats this crowd caps the climax! The idea of five men, all armed, being hung up in this fashion passes all belief!"

"My dear woman," began the senator, "I promised you to fight, but was taken by surprise. My business is politics, and this is a new one on me."

The rest of us offered our excuses, and we heard the driver calling us to come on. We were ready to go, but the widow detained us with a gesture and queried:

"Are there five coyotes here, or is there a man among you? I propose to have my money back!"

"My dear woman, it is impossible," replied Senator Jones.

"Not if I can find a man among you. If I can't I will try it alone. I'm going to overtake that robber!"

We laughed at the idea, but she flashed us a look of scorn and continued.

"I am sure he has no horse, and that his hiding-place is not more than a mile away. He is alone, or we would have seen his partner. The driver has a pistol and will lend it, and two of us can surely overhaul the fellow. Senator Jones, you didn't let your light shine in this affair, but I believe you've got sand."

"I have often thought I might have," modestly replied the senator.

"Then will you be the man to go with me?"

"I—I think I will. Yes, I think I will go with you."

"Very well. Any of the rest of you want to go along?"

None of us did—not enough to say so.

"Oh, you don't!" sneered the widow. "Well, then, do you abandon all right and title to what you've been robbed of?"

We chorused that we did, and all set out up the hill, at the top of which the stage was waiting and the driver fuming. He had a six-shooter, and the widow asked for it and got it. He tried to dissuade the pair from taking up the chase, but the widow was determined, and the senator had decided to stand by her. After a talk of ten minutes they went down the hill and we looked after them. Excuses were hardly in order. We had been held up with our eyes wide open, and had been made monkeys of. Of what use to say a word? As to the expedition with the widow, that was a different thing, and nine men out of ten would have said it was a foolish one. Pluck was never better rewarded, however. When the senator and the widow reached the spot where the robber had disappeared into the bushes they took up the trail, and had not gone ten rods when they found the two Winchesters lying beside a rock. I said trail, for they found a blind path leading up the hill, and on the rock over the guns was a dab of blood from the wounded man's arm.

"We have him now if your sand doesn't give out," said the widow, as she took one of the rifles. "Shall I take the lead?"

"My dear madam, I feel that I'm in this affair to stay," was his reply. "While my best hold is politics and holding office, I may make a success of a side-issue like this. It is my place to take the lead."

They lost the path higher up as they reached rougher ground and a thicker forest, but they pressed on to the

"YES, BUT DON'T GET SPOONEY HERE, SENATOR."

summit of the hill and kept their eyes about them. By and by, as they halted for a rest, the senator looked the widow over and observed:

"Now that I come to look at you, I am rather pleased with your personal appearance. I also admire your pluck and self-reliance. I am a widower—you are a widow."

"Yes, but don't get spoony here, senator," she replied. "It will take me some time to forget how silly you looked as you stood there with your arms in the air, and we have also set out to capture a robber."

"Just so, ma'am," said the senator. "When we have captured the robber, I should like to have a talk with you. I think I shall propose marriage to you—I think I shall, though I am a politician and very busy."

"And when we have captured the robber I'll make answer to your proposal—come on."

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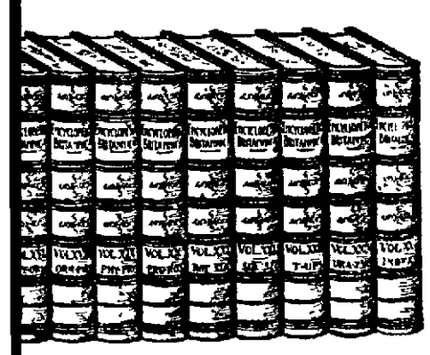

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The revival at the Christian church at Cerro Gordo is closed. There were 84 additions to the church

Last night the A O H club gave a social dance at Brenneman's hall. There were about 40 couples present.

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Regular meeting of Fern Leaf Temple, Rebekahs Sisters, this evening at the hall in Chevalier Bayard Lodge Per order of the president.

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There will be a meeting of the Moody Bible class at 7 30 o'clock this evening at the Edward Street Christian church and all the members are requested to be present The lesson will be the first 15 chapters of Exodus Rev. Stevenson is the leader of the class.

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Remember the C B Prescott music house when you want a first class piano or organ The Reed & Son's instruments are the leaders. The prices are low and terms easy.

George Barney has been promoted as a member of the Decatur Guards. He was a corporal Now he is a sergeant

Senorets purify the blood and beautify the complexion—Cure constipation 25 cents,

Charles Simons, formerly of Decatur, is in the Springfield jail, serving out a sentence of 60 days for assaulting his wife. While here he became famous as a disturber of the peace on Maryland street.

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A Missionary Sale.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of Grace M. E church will give a sale on Saturday, February 5, in the room one door west of the Cracker factory on East William street The sale will commence at 9 o'clock a. m and continue through the day and evening There will be for sale pies, cake, salads, doughnuts, deviled eggs, veal loaf, potato chips baked beans and other eatables The ladies of this society intend from now on to conduct a regular monthly sale and each month will be in charge of a different committee of ladies The sale of February 5 will be in charge of Mrs. A. W. Conklin, Mrs. W. H Elwood and Mrs F B Tait.

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE.

All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs.

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expediate the finding of property.

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The Assembly Club.

The next dance of the Assembly club will begin on Tuesday evening, February 8 at the Guards' armory It is to be a large and gathering and a number of out of town guests will be present.

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THE COLD SNAP

It Causes Increased Demand for County Help.

RIVALRY AMONG THE SEEKERS

Position of Overseer McClelland Not Envied by Those Who Are Familiar with This Work—Child Beggars.

The severe cold of the past two days, bringing with it so many discomforts even to those who are prepared to meet the emergencies called forth by the great change in temperature, is the cause of much suffering among the less fortunate In the minds of charitably inclined people the poor are uppermost at this time and a great deal is being done to relieve the suffering that cannot help but come to them from lack of provisions, clothing and fuel Overseer of the Poor McClelland has been very busy in the last two days looking after the large number of applicants who have come to him for assistance Fuel is more often asked for than food or clothing, but there are a number of applicants for all Each applicant is asked to give name, address and the number in the family, etc, and Mr McClelland makes an investigation at once. No requests for coal has been refused, but food and clothing are not supplied except in cases of extreme need. If there is sickness food, clothing, fuel and medicines are sent Much more coal has been given out this year than last, owing to the fact that the Charity Guild furnished coal last winter, but did not this year. They, however, supplied a much larger amount of clothing this year than last. Mr McClelland knows of no one now who is suffering from lack of fuel or clothing

Many of the applicants for aid are large, strong men They cannot find work they say, and the case is investigated and if it is found that their families are in need and there are several children dependent of the parents for support they are given assistance until work is found by the parents None who are young and strong and have no one dependent upon them are helped "But you helped so and so," they often say in protest when they are refused assistance and there seems to be a rivalry among this class as to who can get the most from the county.

There are many cases found upon investigation to be unworthy, but there are two cases that are to offset one that is not One cold morning a few weeks ago a business man in coming down to his office, passed two small, poorly clad children who were standing before the window of one of the business houses on East Main street He noticed as he passed that they were shivering with cold and turned back to speak to them. Closer inspection revealed the fact that the boy had on no stockings He was dressed in knee pants and wore shoes, but his legs from his knees to his shoes were bare and blue with cold The girl was also ragged and insufficiently dressed He took them to a dry goods store, bought each a warm pair of stockings and enough material to make the girl a dress, and after asking their names and where they lived sent them home When he went home to lunch at noon he found the pair with baskets, going from house to house in his neighborhood begging for something to eat They came to his door and he answered the knock They did not recognize him and he filled their baskets and told them that they must go home and stay there Going home in the evening, in crossing the street at the corner of Main and Prairie streets, he was accosted by the self same urchins, who told him a pitiful story of their sick mother and asked for money with which to buy medicine for her The rags had evidently been worn for effect during the day, for this time the boy was wearing stockings and both were dressed warmer than they had been at morning and noon They were threatened with arrest if they did not go home at once and they started off in the direction suggested The man in telling the story afterwards, pronounced them the brightest pair of professionals he had ever met

KLONDIKE POINTERS.

Tips for the Decatur Party Going to Alaska.

A returned seeker for gold in the Klondike region in speaking of his personal experience gives some tips which may be useful for the members of the Decatur party who will leave next Monday for Alaska He says:

"Don't go prepared to bundle yourself up so that you can't move It is best to wear silk underclothes next to the skin and two suits of heavy underclothing over that A canvas suit is just as good as anything else over the underclothing By putting dried grass in your mittens it helps to keep your hands warm. The three months of summer is the worst time in Alaska. The mosquitoes will bite right through buckskin mittens. Miners smear their faces with a mixture of bacon grease and coal oil to keep off the mosquitoes. One application will last two or three hours, and then you have to give yourself another swipe. During the summer months the miners never wash, for it encourages the mosquitoes. After the summer is over they have a cleaning up. No one knows how much gold there is in Alaska There is enough there for all, and the man who goes up in that country and means business will do all right and probably get rich"

AT THE GRAND.

Corbett Tonight and Margaret Mather Friday Evening.

CORBETT.

Tonight James J Corbett will appear in "The Adventurer"

MATHER IN "CYMBELINE"

It has been said from time to time with more or less emphasis that the playgoing public has lost its taste for the work of Shakespeare It is doubtless true that conditions have changed to a considerable extent, and while a generation ago the drama was studied in the theatres, now many more people attend the play houses as a matter of recreation It is also unquestionable that Shakespearean presentations are much more uncommon than they were 20 years ago but this is not so much due to lack of public appreciation as to other causes Presented as they should be they still have a very strong hold upon the public esteem. Therefore it is quite certain that a very warm welcome will be given to Miss Margaret Mather when tomorrow evening she will appear at the Grand in "Cymbeline"

SOUSA.

Sousa has arranged a musical novelty for his band which he calls "Over the Footlights in New York" This will be the melange of the typical musical features of each New York theatre from Carnegie Music Hall to Manhattan Beach, and will be played here at Sousa's concert on Tuesday at the Grand

CHARITY BOARD.

Coal Will be Given Instead of a Dinner

The charity board met yesterday with Mrs M F. Metz, the president, and the January bills were allowed There were no extreme cases of poverty reported and nothing unusual came up before the meeting Sixty people were cared for by the board during the month of January Food and clothing are most needed just now and any contributions will be greatly appreciated by the board The contributions may be sent to the officers, who are

President—Mrs M F Metz.

First Vice President—Mrs John E King

Secretary—Miss Clara Stare

Treasurer—Miss Hatfield

A proposition has been made by a prominent merchant of the city to give a dinner to the deserving poor The matter was discussed and it was decided to propose that the price of the dinner be donated for the purpose of buying coal, the board thinking it would be far more practical to keep the poor warm for the remainder of the winter than to give them one good meal

"HOT TIME."

The Princes of the Orient Held a Session at the Temple.

Last night the Princes of the Orient had a gay time at the temple There was a large attendance and Pilgrim Kennedy went over the hot sands like a thoroughbred B. J. Votaw was duly installed as Grand Pada Sha and assumed the responsibilities of the exalted position

The remaining hours of the session were devoted to progressive games of whist and cinch The prize winners were J W Weigand at whist and Collector Martin at cinch At 12 o'clock a Kentucky banquet was served at Snarr's restaurant

The new password was promulgated last night Those princes without the word should see Treasurer Heilbrun and qualify themselves for a receipt

The Leota Club

The Leota Social club has been organized. It was formed at the home of Miss Leota Lloyd, 519 North College street The club will meet every Tuesday night at the home of one of the members and the time will be devoted to music, cards and dancing The members of the club are Misses Clara Sawyer, Ollie Rankin, Rose Ruckle, Bertha Beer, May Sawyer, Daisy Sawyer, Leota Lloyd, Goldie Quick, Edith Light and Eva Light, and Frank Cheevers, Winnie Hunt, Estel Light, Eugene Staples, Howard Wood, Milton Bergen, Henry Munson, Fred Clark, Roy Burley and Loren Burley.

Books in the Home

We take it for granted that you have a Bible in your home Of course you have. You would feel insulted if asked whether you had or not Probably you have a Dictionary and possibly a Shakespeare. But have you a first class Encyclopedia? If not, why not? You can get the very best, the Genuine Britannica, which is a complete library in itself, for a very small payment monthly. The entire library delivered free at your home at once. See our offer on page 8.

MILLIKIN HOME

Annual Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

MANY HAVE BEEN SHELTERED

At the Institution During the Past Year—Reports Show the Finances to Be in Excellent Condition.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Anna B Millikin Home, given at a recent meeting of the board of directors, shows some interesting facts and figures in regard to the work of the institution

The annual report of Mrs Helen M. Summers, the secretary, shows that during the year ending February 1 the board of directors have held 11 regular meetings and two called meetings On account of the financial depression it was deemed best to carry on the work of the home in a quiet way, but during the year many persons have been made comfortable at the home Forty one persons have found shelter at the home during the past 12 months Five children have been placed in permanent homes There are now in the home six girls Three of these are in school, one is too young and two of them are too old to attend school. Four old ladies find at the home a comfortable and cheerful place to pass their last days Altogether there has been 14 old ladies at the home during the year. There has been but one death, that of a little baby. A baby which was left on the door steps was taken in and cared for by the matron until a permanent home was found for the child Another baby was at the place for a few days, when it was found a place where it will be well cared for Two girls have been sent to the Erring Woman's Refuge at Chicago Two girls who have at different times found protection at the home write to the directors that they are now married and feel under deep obligations to the directors for the care which was given them The board suffered a great loss in the death of the president, Mrs W F. Busher

The donations during the year have been liberal and have been put to the best use possible The Needle Work Guild gave a large donation of clothing the Dorcas society have met on two occasions to do sewing for the home Religious services have been held each Sunday by members of the different churches, a practice which has afforded much pleasure to the inmates. The social pleasures of the inmates have not been neglected by the friends of the home Picnics were given by the Church of God and the Baptist, Congregational and Lutheran churches The Baptist Endeavor society has twice visited the home and served supper for the inmates

The board of directors who have charge of the management of the home is now composed of the following persons Mrs. James Millikin, Mrs John Ullrich, Mrs. Samuel Powers, Mrs Frank Wells, Mrs. Leforgee, Mrs O. P Zeiss, Mrs Johnson, Mrs. Edwin Carter, Mrs. A T. Summers, Mrs Robert Baker, Mrs Thomas Antrim, Miss Lennette Johnson, Mrs A T. Hill, Mrs Winslow, Mrs T. T Roberts and Mrs F O Damrow.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs A T. Hill, for the year ending February first was as follows:

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand at date last report	$ 397 54
Received from Macon county	666 40
From board of inmates	524 60
Cash donations	22 00
Rent of stable	5 00
Total	$1615 44.

EXPENDITURES

Erring Woman's Refuge	$ 426 40
Matron and assistant	450 00
Supplies, including fuel	448.31
Insurance	44.00
Repairs	29.46
Telephone	16 50
Transportation of inmates	8.15
Burial of infant	7.00
Total	$1432 80

This leaves a balance on hand in the treasury of $391 64 to start the next year. The ladies are working in their efforts to secure sufficient subscriptions for the new building James Millikin has given $10,000 on the condition that the same amount will be raised and the ladies are now working with that purpose in view. Mr Millikin has also donated the ground on which the new home will be erected.

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WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Illinois: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday; brisk southerly winds.

The Farmers' Institute.

The Macon County Farmers' Institute now in session at the court house is proving a great success in point of attendance, interest, instruction and exhibit. Many of the counties in the state organized these institutes several years ago and found them interesting and profitable, but until about three years ago no move was made to organize an institute in this county. No one seemed inclined to take the initiatory steps necessary to bring the farmers of the county to realize that it would be a practical and a good thing for all engaged in that calling. The preliminary steps were at last taken by several persons who observed the interest in these institutes in other counties and at a time when the board of supervisors were in session the members of the board from the country were induced to enter into a provisional organization and arrange a program for a meeting That meeting was only fairly well attended. A permanent organization was affected and the plan of the county institute was taught the farmers and the next meeting was a good one. More had become interested and the success of the organization was assured.

This organization is without doubt the best organization of farmers that was ever adopted. It is nonpolitical and is intended only as a school where ideas about farming can be exchanged and where experts in their lines deliver lectures on the many important things connected with the science of farming. The scientific talent secured to address the farmers of the county on important subjects is a credit to any gathering of men in any calling or profession, and the meeting will be worth many times the labor and loss of time in attending the meeting to the most unpretentious farmer, in the valuable information he can gain.

It will not be long until the Macon County Farmers' Institute will be second to none in the state, thanks to those men who have spent their time and money and employed their best thought to put it on its feet. Every farmer, merchant and professional man is proud of the institute.

A Cat Without Claws.

American Economist: It is announced by Joseph Chamberlain that in the case of the distressed colonists of the British West Indies the home government will make a large grant of money to enable the sugar cane growers and the rest of the population to "tide over a crisis until Continental nations shall recognize the impolicy of the bounty system."

This method of whipping the devil around a stump has raised a chorus of objuration and protest from the Cobdenite claus, who see in it nothing less than an adroit and indirect bounty scheme, a sort of sugar-coated protection pill, as it were. Accordingly they are making it hot for Joseph, and accusing him of grave offenses against the sacred name of free trade.

But what is the British government to do? The broken and bankrupt colonists point to the big bounties paid by Continental Europe to exporters of beet sugar, whereby the market for the West Indian cane is wholly cut off, and ask for help in their desperate straits. Relief is possible in any one of several ways—through countervailing duties, as is the policy of the United States; through a reciprocity arrangement that should enable the West Indian cane growers to find an American market for their product; or possibly through annexation, the latter remedy having been seriously hinted at of late as a happy outcome for the distressed colonists.

All these plans of relief are open to objection. Countervailing duties would raise the price of sugar to the consumers of the United Kingdom, besides being flagrant heresy in the eyes of the Cobdenites. Reciprocity with the United States has some drawbacks not altogether to the liking of the home government, and annexation is not to be thought of. So a cash donation is to be vouchsafed, as one would toss a coin to a beggar, until Europe can be induced to stop paying bounties on beet sugar.

Of the latter solution of the trouble there is no immediate prospect. England is in no shape to engage in an attempt to persuade the Continental countries to abandon bounties. She has nothing to offer them in return.

Being a free trade nation, Great Britain is a cat without claws in any international tariff or bounty negotiation, for the rest of the European governments have their protective tariffs to fight with.

So the West Indian colonists must be content with direct charity until some other plan can be perfected, and the British taxpayer is not likely to remain quiet under this sort of irritation. It is a new way to placate colonial discontent, and it is attended with some inconveniences and unpleasant features that are not calculated to gain popularity for the plan in any direction.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 3.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yes'day.
Wheat—					
Feb	—	—	—	98	98
May	96⅛	96⅛	94⅝	94⅝	96¼
July	85	85	84	84⅝	85½
Corn—					
Feb	—	—	—	27	28¾
May	28¾	29⅛	28⅝	29	28⅝
July	29⅞	30⅛	29⅞	30⅛	29⅞
Oats—					
Feb	—	—	—	23¾	23
May	23⅞	24⅛	23⅞	24⅛	23⅞
Pork—					
May	10 10	10.25	10 10	10 20	10.07½
Lard					
May	4 95	4 95	4.92½	4 95	4 92½
Ribs—					
May	5 05	5.07½	5.05	5.05	5 00

May wheat: Puts, —; Calls, —; Curb, 94¾.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.
Wheat—46; Estimated, 47; a year ago, 25
Corn—319; Estimated, 330; a year ago, 260
Oats—184; Estimated, 180; a year ago, 145.

Estimates for To-Morrow.
Wheat, 25; Corn, 260; Oats, 145.

Hogs
Hog receipts, 16,000. Estimated 33,000.
Market 5c to 10c higher.
Light $3.65@3.85; Mixed $3 75@3.95; Heavy 3.80@3.90; Rough, $3.65@3.75.
Estimated for to-morrow, 20,000.

Cattle.
Cattle receipts, 75,000. Market steady.

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If a man never has any one to tell him what they would do if in his place that man is friendless.

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Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results, and are relying on it in most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Power of Spring Valley and Dr. and Mrs. George Lisbrook of Mascoutah, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding January 25.

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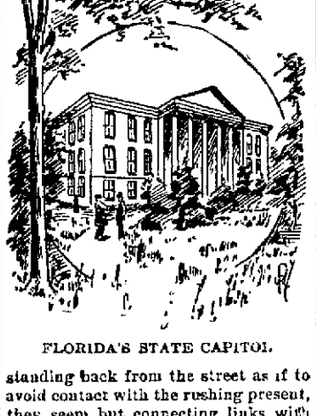
RAMBLES IN FLORIDA.

Ancient Landmarks Rapidly Disappearing Everywhere.

Modern Cities Have Arisen Where Primitive Towns Stood a Few Decades Ago—Memories of the Past.

[Special Jacksonville (Fla.) Letter.]

The landmarks of old Jacksonville, or the "Cow's Crossing," as the Indians called the spot where the modern city now stands, are fast disappearing in a few years the grand old water oaks that shade the streets will be all that is left to remind the newcomer of the old town. The picturesque village of years ago is supplanted by a modern city, and a cosmopolitan population. Only a few of the olden time picturesque southern buildings remain. Hidden amid groves,



FLORIDA'S STATE CAPITOL.

standing back from the street as if to avoid contact with the rushing present, they seem but connecting links with the past. The yards of these old homesteads are prettily shaded and dotted with tropical fruit trees and flowers. In these quaint, pretty cottages live the descendants of the early settlers of this now modernized city, and in some may be seen the tottering forms and gray heads of those who lived here in the "good old days before the war." They are living in the past—waiting for the end of all.

These gentlemen of the old school look back upon those days as the most prosperous in the history of Florida. Money was easy to get, and there was not such a scramble for it, and there was not so much "sharp practice" used. They were happy in their isolation. The period from the close of the Seminole war to the beginning of the civil war was the most prosperous era of Florida. It was a veritable paradise for the poor as well as for the rich. Jacksonville was then a prosperous town of about 5,000 inhabitants—many being health-seekers.

It had slowly grown from a "cow-crossing" and trading post to its then present size, and they wondered at its growth. These old citizens who yet linger upon the busy scene are still more astonished at its subsequent rapid progress.

Before the white man came the Indians used this health resort for a hunting ground, and gave to the spot a name signifying "The Crossing," for it was at this point that they crossed the St. John's river in their canoes.

Periodically the Spaniards ventured out from St. Augustine and Fernandina to capture and enslave the Indians. Finally, when the Indians were driven further south, they occupied "The Crossing," and then adventurous Americans began to come, searching for health. A fortune and health-seeker named Hogan married the widow of a Spanish soldier who held a grant for nearly all of the land on which Jacksonville now stands. A narrow street is all that commemorates his name. He put up a log house, sold goods and "took in" travelers. The first tourists came from South Carolina, and among these health seekers was John Bellamy and family. He built a log house and opened a store and "hotel." The site is now covered by a more modern car-

OLDEST HOUSE IN TALLAHASSEE.

avansary. His son, Abraham Bellamy, became a prosperous citizen, and his daughter, Mary, was married to a lawyer and went to New England.

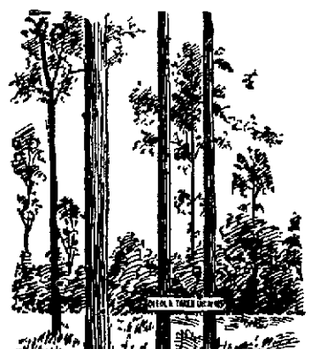
This was all there was of Jacksonville, or "The Crossing," before the United States acquired Florida. About this period, or just after Gen. Jackson's brush with the Seminoles, the name of "The Crossing" was changed to "Jacksonville," in his honor.

Perhaps the most picturesque feature of modern Jacksonville is the darky element. They come nearer living upon the balmy climate than do the tourists. Stepping from the tourists' hotels down to Bay street and the water front is almost like a trip to the West Indies—so far as a glimpse of the negro in his native element is concerned. They line the streets, and stand in groups upon the corners, laughing, talking and smoking, as if idleness were the chief end of life, and perhaps it is with a larger portion of them. They follow fishing, working on the wharves, and those who are too lazy to do either seek odd jobs round town when hunger compels them to do so. In the afternoon the water front is almost compactly lined with them—a dark background to a pretty picture—the beautiful St. John's river, with its broad bosom and the most majestic sweep of any river in America, the Mississippi not excepted. The colored element of Jacksonville is numerous and picturesque — especially on Saturday nights. The darkies flock in from the surrounding country, and among these is a large sprinkling of "turpetine niggers." They are so designated because they work on turpentine farms, and the term also implies that they are of a "hot variety." They enliven that section of the city known as the "black belt," and it takes little trouble to get up a disturbance, as a natural bad feeling seems to exist between the "town" and the "turpentine" darkies.

For several generations Jacksonville was but a "crossing" Tallahassee, St Augustine and Fernandina were the centers of political and social life. Only Indians lived at where the present metropolis stands. When not scalping Spaniards they sold them hides and tobacco, and also traded with the buccaneers that preyed upon the coast. An enterprising buccaneer brought a cargo of women from England and landed them at the "Crossing," consigned to the Spaniards, to be exchanged for tobacco at the ratio of one pound of tobacco for two pounds of wife.

The ancient city of Fernandina, unlike Jacksonville, retains much of its original picturesqueness. Though two and a half centuries old, it has not grown as large as "the Crossing." Its ancient quaint little houses are buried in forests of flowers, and its quiet streets are shaded by giant water oaks centuries old—walks so beautiful and grand that one can almost imagine that here was once the home of the Druids.

Ancient Tallahassee, once the seat of Corning—the Athens of Florida, and the aristocratic center of the state—still maintains a flavor of romance, and is a point of much interest. The quaint roofs of the old-style southern houses rise above banks of flowers and orange groves interspersed with stately magnolias and banana trees, blending their aroma with the perfume of the choicest flowers. In this quaint town old customs are still preserved; also good old southern hospitality. Its chief attractions for tourists, however, are the queer lakes and rivers near by. The rivers sink into the ground to reappear in the southern portion of the state; and erratic Lake Jackson has a habit of totally disappearing at irregular intervals. Underneath the natural bridge is



SPOT WHERE OSCEOLA WAS CAPTURED.

a "bottomless cavern," of which the usual legends are told to open mouthed tourists. And now a movement is on foot to remove the seat of government from Tallahassee. The picturesque old capitol is interesting in its decay. The state wants a more modern building, and Jacksonville and Tampa are each striving to dethrone "old Tallahassee."

A citizen of Jacksonville, who now advocates the removal, relates this incident of the good old days before the war: "I was a member of the legislature and we all boarded at the only hotel in the place. One day we were notified that the hotel would close. I immediately introduced a bill proposing the removal of the capitol. The landlord immediately reconsidered his resolution."

Further down the coast the tourist sees the crumbling walls of a chapel constructed, it is said, by the "followers of Columbus." The spot is more historical because of the tyranny practiced there. Dr. Turnbull brought from the Grecian isles about 300 emigrants, and enslaved them. Perhaps as many died en route from cruel treatment. Finally they rebelled, and sought justice at Tallahassee. They were freed, but the tyrant was never punished. He used this old chapel for a sugar house—the first sugar maker in America.

That old landmark, or watermark, the "Suwanee," is least of all changed by the hand of man. Settlements and villages have little changed the grand scenery. The beautiful groves of cotton woods, gums, sweet-bay, and the forests of deciduous trees, line its noble banks as in the time when the heart-broken slave poured forth his soul in that sweet song which has made the river historic.

Another landmark is the historic spot where Osceola, leader of the Seminoles, surrendered. This is pointed out to the tourist with a few incoherent sentences, telling of his capture, escape, recapture and death in prison, which the tourist digests as he runs. Next he is shown the ruins of the forts—the "trocha" that extended across the peninsula to confine the Seminoles to the everglades.

J. M. SCANLAND.

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HEDLEY INDICTED.

Result of the Tragedy at Bunker Hill—The Crime.

Carlinville, Ill., Feb. 3.—The grand jury in the circuit court adjourned Wednesday, after returning 11 indictments. Among this number was one against Fenwick Y. Hedley, editor of the Bunker Hill Gazette, charging him with manslaughter and the killing of John R. Richards, mayor of Bunker Hill, June 12 last. Hedley is an old soldier, a prominent Republican editor and politician and one of the leaders in his church, having been the organist and chorister for 20 years. Richards was the mayor of the little city and was considered the wealthiest man in the place, to which he had removed but a few years since from St. Louis. The murder grew out of jealousy. Hedley and Richards were both infatuated with Miss Ella Brown, who was a member of Hedley's choir and the housekeeper and stenographer for Richards. Richards is said to have proposed marriage, and charged Hedley with interfering with the match. Personal encounters were many times averted by the interference of friends. Finally an agreement was drawn up, in which one stipulation was that the two men were to speak to each other in public place. Both signed this agreement and all went well so far as the public knew until June 12 at noon, when they met in front of McPherson's hardware store. Richards addressed Hedley. "Why don't you speak to me as you agreed to?" To which Hedley replied that he would speak to him (Richards) whenever he (Richards) spoke to him. Threats were made and a quarrel ensued. Richards pursued Hedley and finally reached for a plow point that lay on a show shelf, going in the direction of Hedley all the time, whereupon Hedley whipped out a revolver and fired two shots at him, both of which took effect, and the mayor died at 6 o'clock. The feeling was intense against Hedley at the time and he hurried to the city and gave himself up, afterwards being admitted to bail in the sum of $5000.

DONATION AT MT. ZION.

Pastor D. W. Cheek Given a Substantial Treat.

Ever since the close of the recent revival at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion, a great many people have been feeling so good that they just felt like they wanted to give expression to it in some practical way. So with but little effort and with great cheerfulness they arranged to make a special offering unto the Lord, by making Pastor D. W. Cheek and family a good old fashioned donation and the way they pitched in and did it was characteristic of this people and enough to gladden the heart of almost any preacher. On Tuesday afternoon according to prearrangement the people began to gather at the church and there was very soon piled up in the rear of the church meat, flour, sugar, canned vegetables, lard, coffee, potatoes, apples, home made preserves, pickles, butters, (oh, yum, yum) and even shelled corn—enough stuff to start a modest grocery store. Pastor Cheek was present and J. C. Boyce called the people to order and formerly presented the offerings to Rev. Cheek, who received them with a few fitting remarks, after which all sang, "Blest be the Tie That Binds," and then Rev. Cheek offered a prayer and dismissed the people, and the reality of the occasion was over, but the end was not yet.

While the people in the church were mingling together in a social manner, there arose a bustling stir about the entrance and Rev. Cheek was called to the vestibule to find it filled with a crowd of men who made a special present to the pastor of a fine, handsome, padded saddle, and bridle This was not all, for the ladies had a special act yet to perform. Mrs. Cheek, the wife of Pastor Cheek, during their short residence in Mt. Zion, has endeared herself to the people very much, but was unable to be present at the church, but she was not to be disappointed, nor were the people. They just picked up in their arms what they could carry of the stuff at the church and loaded the balance into a wagon and marched over to the parsonage. Here the ladies in a very neat manner presented to Mrs. Cheek a snug little sum of money for the purchase of a heavy winter wrap and then everybody shook hands with everybody else again and smiled at one another and talked, or just stood around and felt good, till they got ready to go home.

Lonhuda.

We have placed this beautiful line of goods on sale at 50 cents on the dollar during our great reduction sale. It must be seen to be appreciated.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

John Walters & Company's new elevator at Parnell will have a storage capacity of 17,000 bushels.

Fatality of Croup.

Statistics show that thousands of infants and children yearly die of membranous croup. We do not exaggerate when we state that every one of these innocents could have been saved had Foley's Honey and Tar been given in time. Can you afford to be without it in your household? H. W. Bell, N. L Krone.

E. S. Stout of Bentonville and Miss Bridget Grady of Ivesdale were married on Tuesday.

A BLOODY FIGHT

Cubans Pen Up Spaniards and Kill at Will.

WAS A VERITABLE SLAUGHTER

The Most Important Engagement of the Campaign Near Caiman on January 21—Insurgent Victory.

Havana, Feb. 3.—One of the most important engagements of the present campaign in the east was fought on January 21 near Caiman, between the forces under General Luque and the rebels under General Garcia. The Spanish, it is reported, had 150 killed and a large number wounded. From the accounts received the fight was a veritable slaughter, the Spanish being boxed up in a ravine.

WANT WAR TO END.

Cubans and Capital Put Another Phase on the Situation.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Overtures have been made to the administration by the insurgent government of Cuba looking to an end of the war. The proposition is not definite. It has not been formally made, because the United States does not recognize the existence of the Cuban republic. But through two different channels there has been conveyed to the administration an earnest desire on the part of the Cubans in arms that the United States shall at once undertake negotiations looking to the separation of Cuba from Spain on financial terms. The expression of the desire comes in such a way that there is no doubt of the authenticity. The communication unquestionably represents the Cubans in the field. Thus far the president has done nothing more than listen. He has not said that he will act on the request. But there is ground for belief that this new phase of the Cuban situation is being given serious consideration at the white house.

The utter failure of the autonomy experiment is being impressed upon the administration. One of the warmest advocates of this home rule proposition as the probable solution of the troubles in Cuba was Mr. Atkins. It is no secret that the last administration relied largely on the estimate which Mr. Atkins held of the revolutionary movement in the island. Mr. Atkins is a Boston man with large sugar-raising interests in the southern part of Cuba. He has called upon President McKinley several times to urge a conservative course. After the recall of Weyler Mr. Atkins was sanguine about autonomy. Recently he has written to a member of the administration most discouragingly about the new policy as a means of bringing peace.

GRABLE'S PROPERTY.

Promoter Who Mesmerized Quinlan is Having Trouble.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 3.—Suits aggregating $20,000 were begun today and attachments issued against the local property of F. C. Grable, the man who borrowed large sums from Cashier Quinlan of the Chemical National bank of New York. His house and stable are listed at $30,000. Today's mail from New York brought deeds transferring some of his local property to J. H. C. Walker of Scott City, Kan. Grable got nearly $400,000 from Quinlan.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The doctor's bill is about the hardest dose the patient has to swallow.

A Short, Sad, Story.

A Cold.
Neglect.
Pneumonia.
Grief.

Had Foley's Honey and Tar been used, this story would have had a happier ending. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief to all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Bart Holmes of Melvin has sold a car of 1800 pound horses to a New York firm.

Without A Rival.

As a positive cure for sprains, bruises, and pains of all kinds, Salvation Oil has no equal. Mrs. Frank Juif, 518 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I used Salvation Oil in my family and can say it has no rival as a liniment; it certainly cures pains. I sprained my ankle and it cured me and since then I have always used it for any pains and bruises." Salvation Oil is sold for only 25 cents. No other remedy will do the work as promptly.

THE EWING FARM.

Sold for $16,548—Bought by J. H. McKinley.

The C. A. Ewing farm of 197 acres, lying east of Forsyth, was sold today by H. L. Oldham, the administrator. There were about a dozen bidders. It was sold to John H. McKinley at $84 per acre, $16,548.

MARRIED AT LINCOLN.

Joseph Sutter and Miss Lena Traub, of Decatur.

Miss Lena Traub and Joseph Sutter, both of this city, were married at the residence of Rev. Father Boer, pastor of the German Catholic church at Lincoln, Ill., on Tuesday evening, February 1, at 7 o'clock. The attendants were Lelah Morgan and Charles Schott of Lincoln.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Traub of 650 East Lawrence street. The couple left Decatur on Tuesday morning and were guests at the Spitley hotel at Lincoln, returning to Decatur on Wednesday. They have gone to housekeeping in the rooms in the building owned by Mr. Sutter at the southeast corner of Lincoln square. The apartments are fitted up in handsome style. Mr. Sutter is the well known cigar manufacturer.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Miss Susie Donald at Atchison, Kan., is organizing a party to go to the Klondike gold fields.

Owing to the shortage of the potato crop in Germany the distilleries of America are enjoying a business boom Yesterday at Peoria the first shipment of 2000 barrels of spirits to Hamburg was made. A Pekin firm sent 350 barrels to Japan.

Senator Hanna's family has left Cleveland for Washington City. All will occupy apartments at the Arlington.

Gus J. Heege, the actor, known the country over as "Yon Yonson," died at Cleveland yesterday. He was 36 years of age.

IN A GROUP.

Pictures of Members of the Grand Jury by Henderson.

This forenoon the 23 members of the Macon County grand jury visited the Henderson gallery and had their pictures taken in a group. Copies will be made and of course every man will get one to put in a frame as a memento of the busy days of the January term of court, 1898.

Certificate of Incorporation.

The certificate of incorporation of the Robertson Manufacturing company was filed in the circuit clerk's office today. The company is one formed for the manufacture of corsets and other supporters The members of the firm are Oscar C., Mary L., and Charles Robertson. The capital stock is $2500.

Barrillas is Solvent.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The Chronicle says: "Don Manuel L. Barrillas, ex-president of Guatemala and the millionaire coffee planter, has turned over his vast plantation property to two prominent business men who will liquidate the estate. It is believed that Barrillas is not only solvent, but still very wealthy.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—The original of Hall Caine's hero in "The Christian" is said to be an English minister, Father Adler, the son of Lord Norton.

—Dr. Edward Charles Munroe, the new president of the American Chemical society, is one of the highest authorities on explosives, and is the inventor of indurite, which has become popularly known as navy smokeless powder.

—Munkacsy, the great artist whose life has several times been despaired of during his long illness, usually lies in a dazed condition, but recently for the first time in some years he recognized his wife and spoke quite rationally of his future prospects and work.

—Wisconsin papers say that Rev. O. P. Christian, of Milwaukee, who married the eloping daughter of ex-Minister Robert T. Lincoln to W. W. Beckwith, is finding himself in great demand as a tyer of matrimonial knots, couples going even long distances to be "married by the man who married Abraham Lincoln's granddaughter."

—A young college athlete at Richmond Hill, L. I., saved two lives the other day by making a leap of six feet through the air and striking with his shoulder a man and woman, who stood on the edge of a railroad track with a train almost on them. The shock threw them to the ground just over the edge of the track and barely in time.

—The dean and chapter of Canterbury, England, have just superannuated Dr. William Henry Longhurst, the organist of Canterbury cathedral, at the full amount of his yearly salary, with permission to continue the use of his residence in the precincts. Dr. Longhurst has been associated with the cathedral for an uninterrupted period of 70 years, having entered as a chorister at the age of nine.

Over 80 persons have professed conversion in the Free Methodist revival at Fairbury.

Dr. Cass has withdrawn from the firm of Lovell & Cass, Gibson City, and gone to Peoria to locate.

EASTERN AFFAIRS.

Good Evidence of Warlike Preparations.

BRITISH AND RUSSIAN FLAGS

Are to Be Hoisted at Port Arthur—Arrival of Russian Artillery and Munitions Of War.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.—The Chinese Gazette says that the British Indian, Australia and Pacific squadrons have been ordered to be ready to reinforce the fleet in the far east, giving the British an admirable fleet capable of coping with "any combination opposing the British policy. Meanwhile," adds the Gazette, "the British claims in Yang-Tse-Kiang will be supported by a strong squadron at Chu San, to which two other warships are en route. In the event of Russia hoisting her flag over the forts at Port Arthur, the British admiral has been ordered to hoist the British flag over Chu San, and the Japanese fleet will escort Yang-Tse-Kiang as soon as the river rises. Seven thousand five hundred Russian artillery and cavalry, with quantities of stores and munitions, have arrived at Kirin, Manchuria.

Mercury 17 Below Zero.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 3.—The cold wave which moved into this section yesterday morning reached its climax this morning, with the temperature eight to seventeen below zero. Railway and electric car traffic has entirely recovered from the effects of the blizzard.

Arrested on an Indictment.

This afternoon Deputy Sheriff Cass Nicholson arrested Eugene Linxweiler on an indictment, charging him with an attempt to produce an abortion. He expects to furnish bond.

Executed.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—A dispatch from Kiao-Chou says that the murderer of Schulz, the sentry, killed on duty at Taimo, was executed after a trial by the Chinese court

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers. the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

W. H. Miller and wife and the latter's sister, Miss Annie Ross, of Champaign, go this week to California in hopes of improving Mrs. Miller's health.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

The Tremont Woodmen camp initiated 20 members.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Weldon Springs company is capitalized for $750.

Bromoline will positively cure a cold in 24 hours. No cure, no pay. 25 cents.

Musical Criticism.

The little daughter of a certain musical critic, whose fame is more than local, was overheard the other day, entertaining a visitor while her mother was out of the room.

"And do you like music, too?" asked the visitor, politely.

"Oh, yes, indeed," replied the child, with as near an approach to her father's manner as she could manage, "I'm 'specially fond of opera."

"What operas do you like?" asked the visitor. The child hesitated. Then she recovered her grown-up air.

"Oh," she said, carelessly, "my favorites are 'Lohindutchman' and 'The Flying Grin.'"—Washington Post.

Save The Children.

When children are attacked with cough, cold and croup, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will prove a quick and sure cure. Mr. Elmer E. Baker, Blandon, Pa., writes: "We have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for cough, cold and croup, and found it the best cough medicine and cure for these affections. We never run out of it, but always keep it on hand." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents. Insist on having it.

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FOR YOUR PROTECTION
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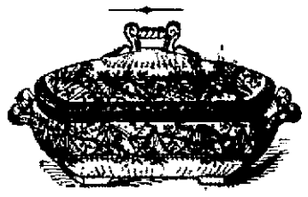

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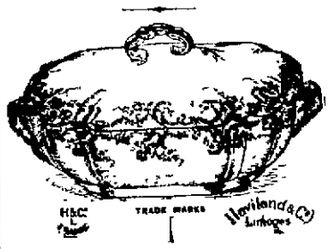

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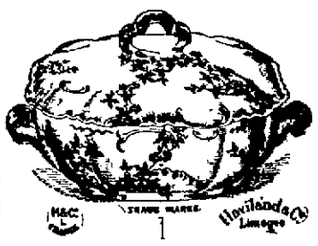

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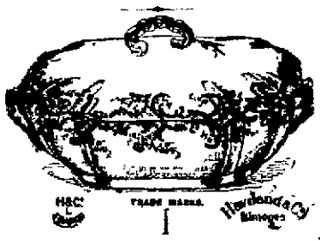

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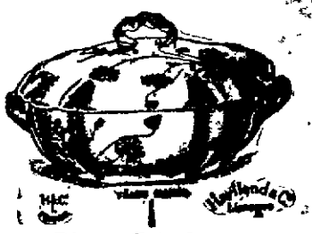

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In this sale of Dinner Sets you will find everything exactly as represented. Our 100-piece sets at $5.98 are the best value that has ever been offered in this city. We have a very large variety of medium priced sets at $8.50, $9.00, $10, $12 and $13.50 each. They are not "chestnuts," but are all new, fresh goods. If you want a Dinner Set you want to buy it now.

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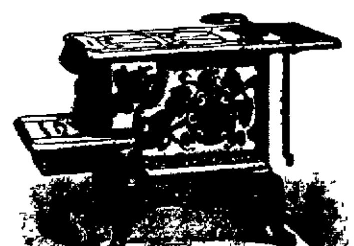

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Any and All Competition.

Sales last week beyond all expectation. Still greater inducements for this week. Everything goes without special reference to cost or value. Money is wanted for this stock and the prices will make the goods go like wildfire.

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Linoleums, Mattings, Lace and Derby Curtains, Oil Cloths and Window Shades.

Everything in the ABEL CARPET HOUSE must go, Regardless of Value.

J. W. RACE, Assignee.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

LONG CREEK.

Mrs. Sarah Horton is still quite ill.

Dick Smith got his corn sheller badly smashed up Monday morning, caused by an axle breaking and the machine upsetting.

The cold weather has started corn to moving again. A number of farmers have sold their corn here this week.

Grant Barnett delivered his corn Monday to Tyler & Co.

Rev. Johnson is holding a series of meetings at North Fork C. P. church this week.

The North Fork Y. P. S. E. will hold their aniversary exercises Sunday evening, February 13.

Mr. Bone of the firm of Tyler & Co., Decatur, was here Monday on business.

A number of people from here are attending the Farmers' Institute at Decatur this week.

O. R. Newcomer and Clarence Stewart are talking of going to Klondike this spring.

Mrs. David Blois visited with relatives at Hammond over Sunday and returned home Monday.

DALTON CITY

Charles Feast visited Decatur Tuesday.

Mike Nolan visited Decatur Tuesday.

Ex-Judge Meeker, the candidate for county judge was on our streets Monday

Rev. O'Rourke visited Father Mackin of Decatur Monday.

A revival is now in progress at the U. B. church and is well attended.

Corn is worth 24 cents in our town today.

J. H. Uppendahl went to Sullivan on business Monday.

Gust Fisher, the pugilist, left town Sunday.

O W. Greenfield and C. D. Cole went to Hervey City Tuesday to meet the officials of the Vandalia railroad, to show them the site of the new r ad which will be laid from Hervey City to Prairie Home.

Mike McCarty went to Dwight Saturday to take the treatment. He was assisted there by Will Dunn and John Nolan.

Will Sandeta of Bethany was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Eddington attended business here Tuesday.

Tom Willis moved from Prairie Home to Lake City yesterday.

ARGENTA.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peek of Cerro Gordo were the guests of James McKee Saturday and Sunday.

Hans Six of Bluffs, Ill., is visiting in the family of Al Six.

Mrs. William Dickey and family left Friday for Bloomington, Ind., where they will make it their future home.

Miss Lillie Jones, who has been visiting at Bethany the past week, returned home Saturday.

Samuel Stever is seriously ill.

Rev. Mr. D O. Gin, who has been holding a revival meeting at Elliott, Ill., returned home Monday.

MOWEAQUA.

Mrs. Jennie Shay of Decatur visited relatives here last week.

Miss Mabel Snyder entertained her Sunday school last Friday evening and the little tots say they had a great time.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Mamay died yesterday and was buried today.

Mr. and Mr. Bryce Smith returned last Friday from a visit at Lincoln.

Dr. Everett Brown of Decatur was here last Thursday, having been called to see the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Con. Winchell.

Charles Howell moved last Wednesday to his property he recently purchased of Frank West.

The residence of Charles Gaskill is nearly completed and when done will be one of the prettiest dwellings in Moweaqua.

Rev. A. R Spicer will begin a revival meeting Thursday night. He will be assisted by Rev. Coombs of Indianapolis and Professor Bachelman of the same place will have charge of the singing

Mrs. Sarah Buffner and Mrs. Joseph Duncan, two aged residents of Moweaqua, are both quite poorly.

BEARSDALE

Frank Hooker is visiting his uncle Mr. J. P. Campbell and family.

May Miller and Willim Jones visited friends here Tuesday.

Henry Landis, A. J. Weltner and Hugh Park, with their families, spent Wednesday, January 26, with Grandma Good, it being her 78th birthday Saturday, January 29, was Grandpa Good's 87th birthday and his children spent the day with him. Both old people are in their usual health.

J. B. Mayor and W. E. Clark are shelling corn.

Mrs. Samuel Troutman visited her daughter here last Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Pharis, wife of H. H. Pharis, who passed away at her home, one mile north of here last Sunday evening, was buried Wednesday, February 2, at Boiling Springs cemetery. Cloyd, the little son of Thomas Pharis, who died Tuesday morning, was buried at the same time and place. Rev. Berkstresser officiated at both funerals, assisted by Rev. Huston.

Mr. John Good of Mayfield, Kan., is visiting relatives here.

MAROA.

George Strawn of Crocker's drug store, returned Wednesday from a visit at Forest.

Ed Hedge returned to his home at Coffeeville, Kan., after a short visit with W. O. Williams and family.

Walter Shutt and family moved to Ramsey Friday.

G. C. Wysong returned to his home at Cooksville, Ill., Monday, after a visit with his brother, A. D. Wysong and family.

Henry K. Harker of Nevada, Iowa, is the guest of relatives and friends here.

Miss Minnie Carpenter entertained the Open Window club at her home Saturday evening.

William Baird is very sick.

Christian Endeavor day was observed by the C. E. societies of the Christian and Presbyterian churches at the Christian church Sunday evening, the services beginning at 6 o'clock.

Miss Lora Gault entertained a few friends at a taffy pulling on Monday evening Those present were Misses Arva Smith, Laura Mayall and Drusilla Moyer, R. E. Porsinger, D. H. Glassford, Will Bogle and Henry Hooker of Nevada, Iowa.

Mrs. Mabel R. White has come to Maroa to make her home with Mrs. E. A. Gray. Mrs. White formerly resided here and taught school for a number of years.

The series of meetings begun at the Methodist church some weeks ago still continue. There have been a number of conversions and five additions to the church.

Communion services will be held at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday. Preparatory lecture at the church on Friday evening.

Miss Mollie Lane will go to Holdridge, Neb., next week.

Mrs. Will Malone and children of Decatur returned to their home Tuesday after a visit with relatives here

Mr. and Mrs Guy Covault went to Lake City on Wednesday to visit relatives for several days.

George Wright and Miss Fannie Furman were married Sunday, January 30, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Furman.

Meetings were begun at the Christian church Monday evening Elder Newcomer is assisted by Elder Harry Barnett of Sheldon.

Mrs. Sarah Davis of Cisco is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Crandall.

The Jenkins family moved to Clinton Friday.

Miss Etta Jackson of Kenney is visiting J. M. Biddle and family.

LAKE CITY.

George Pyatt from Bethany, the candidate for county treasurer, was on our streets Wednesday.

Esther Middelton returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. Lida Loving, from Adell, Iowa, came to visit her mother and friends

Harold Dickson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Fannie Coble of Decatur is visiting John Acorn and family.

Brother Brown held meeting at the C. C. church three nights this week, one addition to the church was made.

Mr. Badgett and wife of Lincoln are here visiting his sister, Mrs. A. R. Dickson.

Grandma McMullen is on the sick list.

Preaching at M. E. church next Sunday night

The box social given by W. H. Dickson and pupils at Union hall last Saturday night was a good success.

Frank Chase preaches at the C. C. church next Sunday morning and night

Mr. Davis of Lovington was here Tuesday.

WYCKLES.

Cyrus Major's children have the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kaylor spent Sunday at Henry Weigands.

Mrs Wheeler died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Campbell yesterday of apoplexy.

Lee Hooker is delivering his corn today.

Rev Randall preached at Sharon last night. Meeting will continue all the week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Martin and Mr. Park visited at William Sawyer's Sunday.

The farmers of this vicinity are making quite an exhibit at the institute in Decatur. Will give a list of the premiums next week.

Jacob Constant will hold a public sale February 9.

Asa Gulick is in town today.

Wanted—An up-to-date merchant to start a grocery store in Wyckles.

Word has been received from Miss Alma Park that she will be home in the near future.

Miss May Miller visited at Bearsdale yesterday.

A. Y. Munson & Sons are buying horses. Give them a call.

CASNER.

C. W. Rork and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rork attended the funeral of Mr. Dunn in Decatur Thursday.

A large number from here attended the Farmers' Institute.

J. N Lambert gave a short graphaphone entertainment at Prairie Hall school Monday afternoon.

Miss Stella Pasley of Decatur spent a few days visiting the family of John Knotts last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dodd of Decatur visited the family of Dr. Patterson Thursday of last week and attended the party in honor of Mrs Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mills have gone to housekeeping at the Rooy farm just east of this place. The newly wedded pair start out with the best wishes of an entire community.

Dave Underwood has sold his sorrel driving team to Dr. Dudley of Cerro Gordo. The team is both showy and full of going qualities.

Mrs. J. S. Rork, her two sons, Frank and Everett, and Miss Louise Rugins, departed for Chicago Saturday, where Mrs. Rork will attend a wedding and visit for several weeks.

Thursday evening of last week about 50 invited guests wended their way to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Patterson, that being Mrs. Patterson's birthday. The doctor had done the inviting, however, and she was unconscious of the "approaching storm" until they were at the door. Various amusements were indulged in. J. N Lambert was present with his graphophone and the band rendered several selections, for the entertainment of those present. Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, coffee and various kinds of fruit were served. The party broke up at a late hour. All wished Mrs. Patterson many more happy birthdays.

HARRISTOWN.

Clarence Smith fell on the railroad track, slightly bruising his leg.

Miss Gertie Burnes of Pana, Ill., is visiting relatives here.

Colonel Knight will be busy crying sales until the 15th of February.

Miss Rosa Morris of Oakley, Ill., is visiting relatives here.

Monday was a busy day for the grain buyers here.

The Sandtard Oil wagon was in Harristown Monday.

The protracted meeting at the Harristown Christian church closed Sunday night.

Mr. T H Hardin returned to Eureka Monday.

A graphophone entertainment was given at the Union school Wednesday night.

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Mrs. Smith shipped her household goods to Springfield last week.

Mrs. White moved to Decatur last week.

Charles Wancot went to Cerro Gordo Monday on business.

Mr. Harbert and family of Macon visited his brother, Frank, here over Sunday.

Johnny Martin met with bad luck Friday. A heavy rail fell from the top of a corn crib and broke his nose.

The revival services at the C P. church closed Sunday night with several conversions.

Relatives of Mr. Hudson Banton of Quincy are visiting him this week.

Decatur visitors Saturday were William Hunter, Tom Draper, A. Draper, J. Houser, Charles Fletcher, A. M. Conn and Mrs. Tom Blackford.

Mrs. Alice Hines visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, for a few days last week, her sister, Mary, returning home with her.

FORSYTH.

Richard Gulio shipped a carload of nice cattle Tuesday.

The Princes of the Orient had an enjoyable time at their killing last Wednesday night.

Etta Bixler returned from Decatur Saturday after an extended visit.

Louisa Oard visited in the village over Sunday.

The auction held by Bartlett Segrest & Co. last week was well attended and articles brought a fair price.

Miss Maud Benton spent a few days in Oreana the last of last week.

The coming masquerade given by the I. t O. G. T. seems to be the attraction at present.

School will be dismissed Wednesday so that those in attendance who wish may attend the Farmers' Institute.

Rev. Reynolds preached at the M. E. church Sunday evening.

OREANA.

Mrs. George Wilson and daughter, Genova of near Argenta, visited over Sunday with Mrs Wilson's parents, J. Malone and family.

Miss Grace Bricker of near Argenta visited last week with Misses Emma and Isabella Malone.

Mrs. George Petzer is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs I. Petzer attended the China wedding anniversary of Davis Hanks and wife at Decatur Wednesday evening.

Mr. J. Oldwater entertained a number of his young friends at his home in Oreana Thursday evening.

Woodman meeting Saturday night of next week.

Miss Liza Smetters of near Argenta is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. F. James.

Ed Strope and wife and Rose Adams and wife attended "At Piney Ridge" at the Grand opera house Thursday night.

The Sunday school executive committee of Macon county have arranged to hold a number of Sunday school institutes in the county soon. One is to be held here on February 18, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

Misses Laura Coakley and Lillie Latch visited last week with relatives in Blue Mound.

Mrs. J. McDaniels is visiting relatives in Bloomington this week.

Harry Morrison visited in Decatur the first of the week.

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E. S. Stout of Monticello and Miss Bridget Grady of Ivesdale were married on Tuesday.

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Over 80 persons have professed conversion in the Free Methodist revival at Fairbury.

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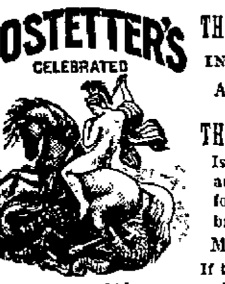

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Estate of John W. Young, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that John W. Young, of the city of Decatur, county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1898, transfer to one John A. Dawson, as assignee, all his personal property (the said John W. Young not being possessed of any real estate) for the benefit of his creditors except such as is allowed him under the exemption laws of the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments; that the said John A. Dawson, on the 8th day of January, A. D 1898, resigned as such assignee, and the undersigned was, by order of the county court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, appointed assignee in the place of John A. Dawson, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1898.

All persons having claims against the said John W Young are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated this 11th day of January, A. D. 1898.
GEORGE K. MORGAN, Assignee.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the County Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of Zora Pannel and against J. E Baum and Josie Baum, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit Lot six (6) of Wait's resurvey of lots six (6), seven (7) and ten (10) in the resurvey of lots two (2), three (3) and four (4) of block three (3), Adamson & Prather's Addition to Outlots to the city of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said J. E. Baum and Josie Baum, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state on the 1st day of February A. D 189 at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 13th day of January, A. D. 1898.
J. P. NICHOLSON,
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.
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The undersigned hereby gives notice that Susan H. Abel, doing business under the name of Abel Carpet Wall Paper Co., of the City of Decatur in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 12th day of January, 1898, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all her property real and personal, for the benefit of her creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Susan H Abel are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1898
Jan. 21-dtd J. W. RACE, Assignee.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

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The undersigned hereby gives notice that L. J. Howard, of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, did on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1897, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

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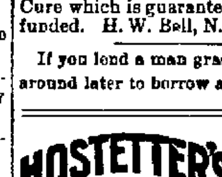

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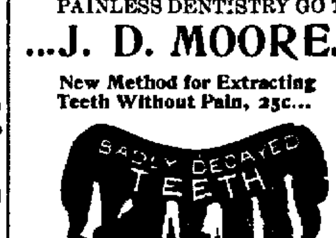

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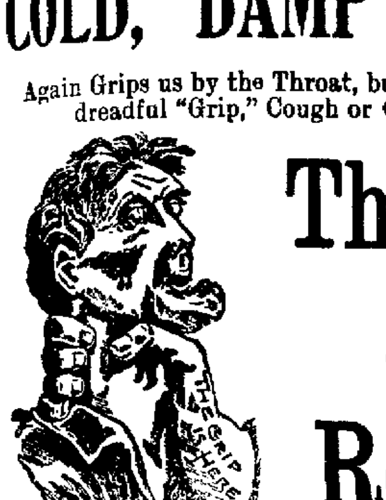

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Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspondent of the Neodasha Kansas Register, has this to say of "Four C." "Phelps is having a wonderful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We personally know it is just what it is represented to be Too much cannot be said in its praise It is a miracle."

NOTICE TO DRUGGISTS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

CONTRACT—Druggists are authorized in ALL CASES TO REFUND THE PURCHASE PRICE, if the Four C Remedy (Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure) fails to give satisfaction in Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, LaGrippe, Coughs and Colds, no matter how long standing, or deep seated, in fact I guarantee in all manner of Bronchial or Lung trouble, not as a cure-all, but to give unbounded satisfaction. Give it a trial on the above conditions. I take all chances.

R. R. Phelps, 118 53d Street, Chicago, Ill., Prop.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., C. F. Shilling and W. H. Hubbard

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of John W. Young, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that John W. Young, of the city of Decatur, county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1898, transfer to one John A. Dawson, as assignee, all his personal property (the said John W. Young not being possessed of any real estate) for the benefit of his creditors except such as is allowed him under the exemption laws or the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments: that the said John A. Dawson on the 8th day of Januarp, A. D 1898, resigned as such assignee, and the undersigned was, by order of the county court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, appointed assignee in the place of John A. Dawson, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1898.

All persons having claims against the said John W Young are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated this 11th day of January, A. D. 1898.
GEORGE K. MORGAN, Assignee.
Jan 11-d6w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the County Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of Zora Pannel and against J E Baum and Josie Baum I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot six (6) of Wait's resurvey of lots six (6), seven (7) and ten (10) in the resurvey of lots two (2), three (3) and four (4) of block three (3), Adamson & Prather's Addition to Outlots to the city of Decatur, Macon county Illinois, taken as property of the said J. E. Baum and Josie Baum, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state on the 1st day of February A. D 1898 at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 14th day of January, A. D. 1898.
J. P NICHOLSON,
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.
jan 14-d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan H. Abel, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Susan H Abel, doing business under the name of Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co., of the City of Decatur in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 12th day of January, 1898, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all her property real and personal, for the benefit of the her creditors according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Susan H Abel are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1898
Jan. 21 dtd J. W. RACE, Assignee.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of L. J. Howard, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that L. J. Howard, of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the eighth day of December, A D 1897, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said L. J. Howard are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

Dated this 13th day of December, A. D. 1897.
Dec. 13 dtd JOHN ALLEN, Assignee.

I., D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following points:

Home seekers excursions to principal points in the south, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Good returning every Tuesday or Friday for twenty-one days. One fare plus $2 for round trip.

One way settlers' tickets sold to the South on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

Winter tourist tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rate, maps and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to E. Harwood General Agent, or U. A. Pollock, Ticket Agent I. D. & W. Railroad, Decatur, Ill.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Ill.—

William C. H. Keough, receiver of the North & South Building & Loan Association, vs. Bridget M. Clark, Patrick Clark, Commercial Loan & Trust Company, a Corporation, Trustee, Horace M. Gillis, Charles M. Allison, } No. 15840.

Consolidated with

Charles M. Allison, vs. Bridget M. Clark, Patrick Clark, North & South Building & Loan Association, William C. H. Keough, Receiver of the North & South Building & Loan Association, to } No. 15650.

Bridget M. Clark, Patrick Clark and Horace M. Gillis, Decatur, Illinois.
North & South Building & Loan Association, a corporation, Chicago, Illinois.
Commercial Loan & Trust Company, trustee, Chicago, Illinois.
Charles M. Allison, Decatur, Illinois.

Please take notice, you and each of you, that on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1898 at the hour of ten o'clock a. m of said day, we shall, before George Bass a Master in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois and a Notary Public in and for the said County and State at his office, No. 109 Hartford Building, 140 Dearborn street in the City of Chicago, County Cook and State of Illinois, taken in the above entitled cause, the deposition of William C. H. Keough, a resident of the City of Chicago County of Cook and State of Illinois, upon interrogatories to be propounded to said witness orally without a commission or the filing of interrogatories for this purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Illinois, such deposition to be read in evidence on the part of said complainant on the hearing of the above entitled cause

The examination of said witness upon said oral interrogatories, to be propounded as aforesaid, will be begun on the day and hour before mentioned, and will be continued from day to day until completed, at which time and place you may appear as you or either of you may see fit.

COLLINS & FLETCHER,
Solicitors for Wm C. H. Keough,
j20-4w Receiver, Complainant.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, assignee of Edward White and Charles C. H. Cowan, late doing business as Ed. White & Co., will, at the north door of the court house, in the City of Decatur, Illinois at the hour of one o'clock p. m., on Saturday, the 5th day of February, A. D. 1898, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in pursuance of an order of the honorable, the county court of Macon county, Illinois, the equity of redemption in a farm of 160 acres situate in Douglas county, Illinois, described as the east half of the northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of section fourteen, township 15 north, range 9 east of the 3d principal meridian; also the equity of redemption in Lot eight of the Resurvey of Block 6 of R. J. Oglesby's Addition to the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois and the equity of redemption in the north part of Lots 8 and 9 of Block 12 in the Village of Warrensburg, in said county and state, and also all of the uncollected notes and accounts embraced in said assignment.

Persons wishing to examine list of said assets will find same on file in the matter of said assignment in office of the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Illinois.

CHAS. J. OFF, Assignee.
Jan. 12, 1898-d15

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of R. J. Young, Sr., Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administor of the estate of R. J. Young Sr., late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1898.
R. J. YOUNG, Administrator.
jan 12-d4w

People's Column.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—A man of ability and standing for position of trust and profit. Answer, with references, E. 61, Republican Office.
Jan 29-d6

WANTED—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 630 Wabash ave, telephone 687. HAYES & ANTHONY.
oct 13-dtf.

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 396. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19-dtf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE - One of Hall's best fire and burglar proof safes, 30 by 42 inches high Also two modern 8 foot show-cases with tables Cases 19 inches deep, drop doors, with locks. Will be sold at a bargain. For particulars call at 1105 N. Church street. city. Jan 31-d6

FOR SALE.—A No. 1, superfine Kimball organ for sale very cheap. Call at 965 East Cantrell street. C. B. ADKESSON. 20-dtf

FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets. East Lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1780 North Clinton street; new 'phone 185.—27-tf

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A house of five rooms, with good well, summer kitchen and stable, on a plat of eight acres at Boody, Ill Terms very low. Inquire of Frederick Nientker Boody, Ill. Feb 1-d6*

FOR RENT—An improved dairy farm, 2½ miles west of the court house; well watered. Apply to Dr. S. H. Swain, 147 South Franklin street, Decatur, Ill. Jan 29-d6*

FOR RENT.—My factory building on East Eldorado st.; 2 story, 24x80 feet. Windows every 4 feet. Street cars. Paved street and sewerage. Will fit up to suit business. Best chance in Decatur for new factory. Apply to JOHN A. BROWN, 142 S. Main st. 6-dimo

MONEY TO LOAN.

LOANS...
Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 137 North Water street.
LOW RATES.
May 20-dtf GEO. W. EHRHART.

SAMUEL M'BRIDE
LOANS AND SECURITIES,
ROOMS 702-3-4,
MILLIKIN BANK B'LD'G,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by PEGRAM & CO.,
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR STOLEN—Large pocket-book containing one thousand mile ticket Union Pacific Railroad; one thousand mile ticket Wabash Railroad also stock certificates of the La Mesa Lemon Co., also two notes signed in blank by A S. Crowder The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at the office of the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co.
Feb 1-d6

FOUND—Johnson's Bakery at 253 North Main street. Finest cakes made in the city. Oyster Patties and Cream Puffs a specialty. Fresh Gingerbread and Doughnuts always in stock. No alum or malt extracts used. "New and better quarters." 25-d6

MISCELLANEOUS.

REMEMBER—I have moved from East Main street to the first room south of St. Nicholas Hotel. Have the biggest stock of second-hand goods in the city. Call and examine my stock and prices before buying. W. M. CHANCE. Jan 23-d6w1

A FINE STOCK of Potted Blooming Plants of all kinds, also Cut Flowers, Roses Carnations, Hyacinths, Easter Lilies, Callas, Violets, etc., can be had on short notice. Telephone, old, No. 209. N. BOMMERSBACH.
dec 7-dtf

J. M. GRIFFITH, agent for the St. Louis Republic, is located at 344 North Main, and he requests all former patrons to call and renew their subscriptions All those that have missed their paper in their big Sunday editions please notify me at my office. 27 d6*

CURRY & POOLE, MILK DEPOT,
Milk, Cream, Butter and Dressed Poultry, Wholesale and Retail, 451 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. Jan 24 dtf

W. M. HARPSTRITE'S Transfer and Storage Warehouse. Largest and most convenient warehouse in the city for the storage of all kinds of goods, Office and warehouse 730 and 734 East Cerro Gordo street. Old Tel. 354.
Jan. 24-d2w

W. M. HARPSTRITE'S Transfer and Storage Warehouse.
Manufacturers' agent for the storage and distribution of manufactured articles of all kinds.
Transfering of agricultural implements a specialty.
Office and Warehouse 730 and 734 East Cerro Gordo street. Old Telephone 354.
Jan 24-d2w

PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS. CAVEATS, on quickest and easiest terms. Am associate counsel for Louis Bagger & Co., 30 years' experience as Patent Attorney, Washington, D. C All legal business promptly and carefully attended to. Loans. A E PARK, 152 E Prairie street. NEW PHONE 672.
Sept 7-dtf

IF you need a set of De Vinne Price Markers or Rubber Cushion stamp, plain or ornamental, supplies or anything in the Commercial Stamp line, order of J. M. Myers, proprietor of the Decatur Rubber Stamp Works, 301 S. Church street, Citizens' Phone, 117, Decatur, Ill.
feb2 dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 720 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov26 dtf

$225 buys fine lot on North Union street, 40x80. What's the matter with this! nothing—only the owner needs money. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe; either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. For further information call at office. PETER H. BRUECK, Agent Hamburg-American Line, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets Jan6-dtf

FREE TEA SET—Ladies, send us your full address plainly written, and we will express you 75 of our exquisite ARABIAN PERFUMO PACKETS to sell among friends at 10 cents each; when sold, remit us the money (less express charges) and we will send you a beautiful decorated China tea set of 56 pieces for your trouble, full size for family use. Name nearest express office and address. Arabian Perfumo Co., Box 12, Bridgewater, Conn. 7-d3w

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

Legal Advs.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss In the Circuit Court.

W. B. Tyler, Complainant, vs. Samuel W. Stookey et. al., Defendants. In Chancery—No. 16,029.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, the 9th day of February, A. D. 1898,

at the hour of 2 o clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

The same being the interest of Samuel W. Stookey at the time of the execution of said mortgages mentioned in the original bill and cross bill for which the said Samuel W. Stookey may hereafter have in the property described as follows to-wit:

The northeast quarter of section 33, township 17 north, range one east of the third principal meridian, containing one hundred and sixty acres, situate in the county of Macon, state of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of January, A. D. 1898
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
W. B. Tyler Complainant's Solicitor.

Administrator's Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the County Court of the January Term, A D. 1898

Josiah M. Clokey, administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased, vs. Irving W Gordanier, Louis E. Gordanier, Albert A. Gordanier, Kittie L. Gordanier and The People's Savings and Loan Association—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the county court of Macon county, of the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term, A. D. 1898, of the said county court, I, Josiah M. Clokey, administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased, will on

Saturday, the 5th day of February, 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m, of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots eleven (11) and twelve (12) in block nine, (9), East Park Boulevards, situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, free from homestead and dower, on the following terms:

Terms of Sale—One half cash in hand on day of sale, the remainder to be paid six months from day of sale, the deferred payments to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser, or purchasers, with good personal security and a mortgage or mortgages, on the premises so sold, the deferred payments to bear six per cent interest per annum from date of sale, with privilege on part of purchaser or purchasers, of paying purchase money all cash. Premises to be sold subject to taxes for 1897. Said lot eleven (11) to be sold subject to a mortgage in favor of The People's Savings and Loan Association on which the amount found due this day, is $242.85.

Dated January 6th, 1898.
JOSIAH M. CLOKEY,
Administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased. 7-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, } ss.

In the Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery.

William C H. Keough, Receiver of the North and South Building and Loan Association, vs Albert Karlofski, alias Albert Karlowski, Lottie Karlofski alias Lottie Karlowski, North & South Building and Loan Association. Webster H. Rapp and F. W. Kipp—No. 15,030.

Consolidated with

Jennett C. Blume vs. Albert Karlofski and Annie Karlofski—No. 15304.

To Albert Karlofski, alias Albert Karlowski, Lottie Karlofski, alias Lottie Karlowski, F. W. Kipp and Annie Karlofski. Decatur, Illinois; North & South Building and Loan Association and Jeannett C. Blume Chicago, Illinois; Webster H. Rapp, care R. S. Peal & Co., 91 Fifth Avenue, New York City:

Please take notice, you and each of you, that on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1898, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day, we shall, before George Bass, a master in chancery of the circuit court of Cook county, Illinois, and a Notary Public in and for said county and state, at his office. No. 109 Hartford Building, 140 Dearborn street, in the City of Chicago, in said county and state, take, in the above entitled cause, the deposition of William C. H. Keough, a resident of the City of Chicago in said county and state, upon interrogatories to be propounded to said witness orally, without a commission or the filing of interrogatories for this purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes of Illinois such deposition to be read in evidence on the part of the said complainant on the hearing of the above entitled cause. The examination of said witness upon said oral interrogatories, to be propounded as aforesaid, will be begun on the day and hour before mentioned and will be continued from day to day until completed at which time and place you may appear as you or either of you may see fit.

COLLINS & FLETCHER,
Solicitors for William C. H. Keough,
Jan. 17-dtd Complainant.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss In the Circuit Court of Macon Co.

William C. H. Keough, Receiver of the North & South Building and Loan Association, vs. Webster H Rapp, Elizabeth M. Rapp, Jeanette C. Blume, George P. Blume, George P. Blume and Webster H. Rapp, partners as Blume & Rapp, Lucinda Lugte, the unknown husband, if any, of Lucinda Lugte, the North & South Building & Loan Association.—No. 15,980

To Webster H. Rapp, individually and as a member of the partnership of Blume & Rapp, and Elizabeth M. Rapp, care R. S. Peal & Co., 91 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City, George P. Blume, individually and as a member of the partnership of Blume & Rapp Chicago, Illinois, and Jeanette C Blume, Chicago, the unknown husband of Lucinda Lugte North & South Building and Loan Association, Chicago, Illinois, Lucinda Lugte, Clinton, DeWitt county, Illinois.

Please take notice, you and each of you, that on the 8th day of February, A.D. 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, we shall, before George Bass, a master in chancery of the circuit court of Cook county, Illinois and a notary public in and for the said county and state, at his office, No. 109 Hartford Building, 140 Dearborn street, in the city of Chicago, County of Cook and state of Illinois, take in the above entitled cause, the deposition of William C. H. Keough, a resident of the city of Chicago county of Cook, and state of Illinois, upon interrogatories to be propounded to said witness orally, without a commission or the filing of interrogatories for this purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Illinois, such deposition to be read in evidence on the part of the said complainant on the hearing of the above entitled cause.

The examination of said witness upon said oral interrogatories, to be propounded as aforesaid, will be begun on the day and hour before mentioned, and will be continued from day to day until completed, at which time and place you may appear as you or either of you may see fit.

COLLINS & FLETCHER,
Solicitors for William C. H. Keough, Receiver, complainant.
jan 18-dtd

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Henry F. May, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Henry F. May, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1898.
ANDREW H. MILLS, Administrator,
jan 17-d3w

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the City Electric Railway Company of Decatur, Ill., will be held TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1898, at the office of said company in Decatur, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Decatur, Ill, February 1, 1898.
CITY ELECTRIC RY. CO.
W. L SHELLABARGER, Sec.
Feb 1-dtd

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

[Corrected to Nov. 15, 1897.]

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	*1:05 a m	12	*3:55 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	*3:55 p m
16	†9:20 a m	17	†7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
5	*4:05 a m	6	*5:25 a m
11	*7:00 a m	21	†11:35 a m
25	†4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	*4:00 p m	10	*8:55 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	*7:30 p m	13	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
5	*5:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	*11:30 a m	7	*7:17 p m
2	*11:20 p m	6	*8:50 p m
10 FtW.ac.,	†1:30 p m	3	*3:20 a m
34 Eff. Acc.	†4:40 p m	11 From Ft W	†12:50 p m
		35 Eff. Accom	†10:45 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	*4:07 p m	4	*11:25 a m
13	*4:10 a m	12	*10:50 p m
17 Spfd only	†7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	†9:15 a m
35	†10:55 a m	34 Effg. accs	†4:35 p m
11 Bluff acm	†7:05 a m	10 frm Bluffs	†6:50 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1......10:35 a. m.	A No. 1......2:50 p. m
D No. 3......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4......6:25 a. m
A No. 11......2:30 p. m.	S No. 36......7:10 a. m
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2......3:00 p. m.	A No. 1......10:45 a. m
A No. 4......6:35 a. m.	D No. 3......10:20 p. m
S No. 36......7:20 a. m.	A No 11......3:15 p. m
A No. 10......10:35 a. m.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	

Vandalia Line.

In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.
No. 24—Freight, ex. Sunday............ 6:35 a m
No 12—Except Sunday............ 7:40 a m
No 6—Except Sunday............ 3:35 p

FROM TERRE HAUTE.
No. 7—Except Sunday............ 10:45 a m
No. 83—Freight, ex. Sunday............ 5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday............ 7.05 p m

DEPARTS WEST.
No. 5—Ex. Sunday............ 7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight ex. Sunday............ 7:50 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday............ 10.55 a m

FROM PEORIA.
No. 6—Ex. Sunday............ 3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex Sunday............ 4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday............ 9:30 p m

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass....*2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass....*10:55 p m
No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass....†11:30 a m
" 7 ....10:00 a m	" 8 ....2:40 a m
" 9 ....*6:00 p m	" 10 ....4:00 p m

*Daily, †Except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.
No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman.....* 1:32 a. m
No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman.....* 11:52 a. m
No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign..* 6:10 a. m
No. 104 Main Line North............* 11:26 a. m
No. 126 Main Line North............† 6:10 p. m.
No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed leaves.....† 2:45 p. m
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana............* 3:19 a. m
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana............* 8.57 p. m.
No. 125 Main Line South to Pana ...† 9 30 a. m.
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo....* 4:05 p. m.
No. 191 Local Freight South.........† 7:45 a. m.
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrives............* 9:55 p. m.
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives............† 10:30 a. m.
*—Daily. †—Daily Except Sunday.

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division Sundays at very low rates—good going and returning Sunday only.

St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday. One fare round trip.

Homeseekers' Excursions to principal points in the South, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; good returning every Tuesday or Friday for 21 days. One fare, plus $2.00. for the round trip.

One way Settlers' tickets to the South sold on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

California tourists tickets, good returning nine months, with liberal stop over privileges in each direction, on sale daily.

Winter tourists tickets to the principal resorts in the south new on sale.

Call at the City Ticket Office for literature of the routes, rates, etc., of the Klondike Gold Fields.

Tour of Old Mexico and return. Leaving Decatur Thursday, Feb. 17th, Personally conducted. $240.00 includes all expenses. For itinerary call at city ticket office.

Cleveland, Ohio, acct. Students Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, $12.45 round trip. Sell Feb. 22nd and 23rd; good returning till Feb 28th.

Champaign acct. Illinois Farmers Institute. $1.85 round trip. Tickets sold Feb. 22nd and 23rd, good returning till Feb. 25th.

For full information regarding dates of sale limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.

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For information or tickets write or call on W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Penlwell, 121 E. William street, Decatur, Ill.

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to certain points in the South on the lines of the Illinois Central and Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroads will be run on the first and third Tuesday of each month during January, February, March and April, in connection with which a

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will be run to New Orleans and the South on these dates.

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RHEUMATISM CURE — Decatur, Ill., Nov. 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Gonorrhoids Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, TOM PENIWELL, ticket agent I. C. R. R.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L. Griswold, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L. Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1898.
CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, Jr.,
Administrator.
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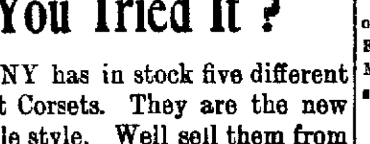

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You to fail to look at our line of Dinner Sets in this great reduction sale. They go from $5 98 to $40. They include all the English decorated sets as well as the Haviland China.

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Lay in more coal.

Skating is good again.

The institute closed today.

Free—A Bunch of Violets—At Neisler's. 2 dlw

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Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

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Feb. 11 is the date for the T. P. A. minstrel show at the Grand.

None better than **Pilsner**. You will find it at the leading saloons.

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Belleflowers—Newtown Pippins—At Heilman's. 2d2

Cutting ice will be resumed. February is generally a good month for the dealers.

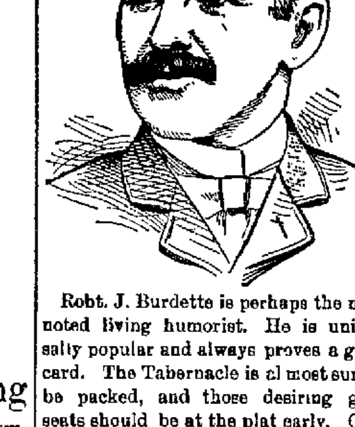
Rev. W. H. Davis left for La Place this morning to conduct the funeral of an old friend.

The Corbett-McVey sparring tonight will occur immediately at the close of the last act of the play. Manager W A Brady is with the show.

Cold as it was there was quite a crowd of curious people on the platform at the depot this forenoon to get a look at Corbett as he alighted from the train. He went direct to the St. Nick.

Plat Opens Tomorrow

at 8 o'clock, at Otto E. Curtis & Bros, for the great Burdette lecture at the Tabernacle, Monday evening, Feb. 7.



Robt. J. Burdette is perhaps the most noted living humorist. He is universally popular and always proves a great card. The Tabernacle is almost sure to be packed, and those desiring good seats should be at the plat early. Gen admission 50 cents.

Gastman to Speak at Elwood.

E. A. Gastman left at noon for Elmwood, Peoria county, where he will deliver an address this evening at an educational rally He will also attend a meeting of the Schoolmasters' club in Peoria on Friday and Saturday, and will return on Saturday afternoon.

California Not Affected.

San Francisco, Feb 3.—Among fruit exporters in San Francisco, the news of the action of Germany prohibiting the importation of American fruit, created no alarm. California sends too little fresh fruit to Germany to feel the prohibition.

Will Spar.

At the close of the last act of "The Adventurer" tonight at the Grand Mr. Corbett will give an exhibition of scientific sparring with his trainer, John J. McVay.

Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the First M. E. church will meet on Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. J. Bethel at 1124 North Union street.

M. A. F. O.

The Modern American Fraternal Order will meet tomorrow night at the G. A. R. hall. Several new members will be initiated.

Embroidery Club Entertained.

The Embroidery club was entertained by Mrs. Frank D. Caldwell of 230 West Prairie street yesterday afternoon.

Valentines.

They are surprises in beauty. Call at L. Chodat's News House.

Art Pottery.

Royal Worcester, Teplitz, Royal Bonn, Dolton, Swedish and Rudolstadt go at one-half price in our great reduction sale.

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THE LAST DAY

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Best six loaves of bread baked of Pillsbury's Germo whole wheat flour, $1.50 cash, offered by J.G. Cloyd, Alice Anman of Decatur; second, Mrs. S. E. Gates of Decatur.

Best six loaves of broad baked from Pillsbury's flour, $1.50 cash, offered by J. G. Cloyd, Mrs. S. E. Gates of Decatur; second Mrs. F. E. Glore of Decatur.

Best six loaves of bread baked of White Foam flour, 150 pounds of White Foam flour, offered by Decatur Milling company, Mrs. J. M. Majors of Decatur; second, Mrs. C. R. Mallory of Elwin.

Bes six loaves of bread baked of Gold Dragon flour, 100 pounds Gold Dragon flour, offered by Deane Bros. & Lincoln, Mrs. Warnick of Decatur

Best corn pone, 12 first class rose bushes, offered by the Decatur Nursery company, Mrs. Louis Sanders.

Best corn bread, one rug, offered by the Linn & Scruggs Dry Goods company, Mrs. C. L. Cunningham of Elwin.

INSTITUTE PRIZES.

The regular institute prizes were awarded as follows:

Twelve ears of yellow corn, first $1.50, J. F. Jones; 12 ears of white corn, first $1.50, C. W. Sleeter of Boody; 12 ears of mixed corn, first $1.50, Allen Baldis of Boody.

Best forty eight ears of corn of any variety, first $3, G. L. Jones of Emery.

Best peck of white oats, first $1.50, E. J. Malone of Emery second, 50 cents, James Babcock of Oreana.

Best peck of black oats, first 75 cents, T. J. Wright of Macon; second 50 cents, A Harkenstrite of Blue Mound.

Best two quarts of clover seed, first $2, George Wise of Emery, second, $1, G. F. Gilman of Warrensburg.

Best peck of early Irish potatoes, first $1.25, James Hookaday of Emery.

Best peck of sweet potatoes, first $1.25, David Weilepp of Maroa; second, 75 cents, E. E. Sensenbaugh of Oakley.

Best loaf of light bread, first $1. Mrs. Amanda Henkle of Forsyth; second, same; third, 50 cents, Mrs. E. J. Malone of Forsyth.

Best loaf cake, first $1, Mrs. M. D. Camp of Harristown; second, 75 cents, Pansy Eichinger of Decatur; third, 50 cents, Mrs. James Hookaday of Emery.

Best jelly cake, first $1, Mrs. M. D. Camp of Harristown; second, 75 cents, Mrs. Belle Stearns of Forsyth; third, 50 cents, Miss A. Harkenstrite of Blue Mound.

Best sponge cake, first $1, Mrs. M. J. Bear of Forsyth; second, 75 cents, Masonic Eastern Star Home of Macon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Addresses Given ba Prof. Forbes and Prof. Davenport—Paper Last Night by Mrs. Dunlap.

Prof. Forbes, the state etomologist, yesterday afternoon gave an address on "Insects Destructive to the Corn Plant." He said that an insect which would destroy one ear of corn out of 12 would be destroying enough of the entire corn crop to represent the whole apple crop of the country, therefore, the farmers should give the matter a great deal of thought. Mr. Forbes said there were few remedies for insects and that about the only remedy that could be used was the preventative. The insects which live upon the corn are of two kinds, fiends and enemies. What a farmer wants to know is what kind of grain to plant when he is bothered with certain kinds of insects. Clover is the best crop to sow when the farmer wants to rotate his crop, as it is disliked by most insects. Some insects feed almost entirely on corn and if some other grain is planted in the field it will help to check their multiplication. The seed maggot and wire worm were spoken of as insects which destroy the root of the corn before it comes up Prof. Forbes mentioned a number of the insects with which the farmer would likely come in contact and concluded his remarks by telling of some of the experiments which he had made with the chinch bug. The experiments that he explained were the plowing of a furrow and dragging of a log through it, the spreading of tar around the field containing the bugs, and the use of kerosene emulsion. He said that he thought that the farmers of Macon county could exterminate the bugs if they worked as hard as the bugs do.

PROF. DAVENPORT.

Prof. Eugene Davenport gave an address on "The Present Condition of Live Stock Interests." He said in regard to swine that the hog which would produce nothing but lard must go and that now we must raise the bacon hog. He said that there are also great changes in the cattle business. The butchers say that the cattle of today are not as good as they used to be. If the butchers are going to demand the best steers, the farmer who raises them will make money. Mr. Davenport referred to the fact that horses have been shot and fed to the hogs during the past few years. The farmers think that the electric street cars and the bicycle have lowered the price, but that good horses would never bring a better price than they will today. The speaker thought that the horses had been so mixed that the farmers had bred mongrel animals and consequently the price they brought was low. At the conclusion of his address Prof. Davenport invited the farmers to attend a beet sugar convention which is to be held at Champaign, beginning the 25th of this month and lasting one week.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

An interesting session of the institute was held last night. There was a literary and musical program and several addresses were given. Mrs Dunlap of Champaign read an excellent paper on household cookery. She is a high authority on household economics and her paper was written from a scientific standpoint. Among other things Mrs. Dunlap said:

"There are about 14 elements necessary to sustain life and our food should be carefully prepared in order that what we eat shall furnish the right proportion of each of these elements. All housewives should learn the classification of foods. Cookery has become an art that is worthy the study of women. Our bodies must not be overfed with foods and starved for the want of others. We can not attribute our ill health to anything but our ignorance of what we eat. Farmers are especially liable to have too many carbonaceous foods on their tables. Instead of white bread substitute the whole wheat bread. The whole wheat bread is made from the whole grain of wheat, except that the hulls are taken off. The whole wheat bread contains all of the 14 elements necessary to life and man can live on this bread alone for an indefinite time. On white bread alone he can live only about 40 days. Use pork sparingly. Sell it and buy beef and mutton. Vegetables, which we need so much, are found in great variety in our gardens."

Superintendent E. A. Gastman spoke on the subject "What I Know About Farming in the West." He told of the orange groves and fruit farms of California and gave interesting points in regard to the wages, water supply and products of the state

Mrs Hagerman read an interesting paper on the subject "A Woman's Ordinary Day's Work on the Farm." The paper was in the nature of a story and was well written and read and was quite entertaining to those who heard it.

OFFICERS AND SALE.

This afternoon the annual election of officers was held. The following officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President—W. H. Bean, Blue Mound.
Vice President—E. R. Moffett, Boody.
Secretary—C. A. Thrift, Forsyth.
Assistant Secretary—Bering Burrows, Long Creek.
Treasurer—C. H. Scott, Mt. Zion.

Resolutions were passed thanking the officers for their services, the supervisors for these of the court house, the newspapers and all who contributed to make the institute a success. Another resolution was presented and passed to the effect that a committee should be appointed from each township in the county to assist the ladies who will hold the corn carnival in this city next November.

The sale of exhibits then took place. W. H. Knight conducted the auction and did the work well. Mr. Knight has been holding auctions almost every day for some time past and has a number of dates for the near future. He is quite popular as an auctioneer.

The crowd at the court house this afternoon was the largest that has ever been inside the building. The exhibits sold for good prices.

FREAKS IN CORN.

Curiosities Discovered This Week at The Farmers' Institute.

Among the curiosities and freaks in nature, brought to light at the Farmers' Institute this week, is a grain of corn found among a handful picked up by Dr. Bumstead yesterday from one of the exhibits of white corn. The grain is large and well formed and in the groove at the side the figure 1 is plainly and distinctly marked in a slightly darker color. The doctor is not superstitious enough to believe that this is significant of any great disaster that is to come upon us the year of 1901. His superstition has disappeared with added years, but he remembers distinctly that when a boy and living in Philadelphia that for months his life was made miserable by a sermon preached by an old bishop who explained in terrifying and convincing terms the most horrible disasters whose coming was foreshadowed by no more significant happenings than the marking of a grain of corn.

Another curiosity is a family of ears of corn, all growing at the base and surrounding the parent ear, which stands in the center and is perfect and well formed. There are eight of the small ears and most of them are perfect. The curiosity was brought in by John Stroh, a farmer living near Forsyth, and is on exhibition at Cheap Charley's.

Cases at Niantic.

Attorneys T. B. Jack, J. R. Fitzgerald and J. O'Mara were at Niantic this morning and tried several minor cases, which were brought against the estate of the late 'Squire W. W. Peddecord. They were mostly suits for justices' fees and costs incidental to the settlement of the estate. Attorney Jack represented the administratrix, Mrs. Peddecord, and Attorney Fitzgerald the defendant. Justice O'Mara went down as a witness for the estate. About three-fourths of the cases called were won by the plaintiff.

THE NEW B.-B. STUDIO.

Pleasing Recital of Bright Pupils Last Night in Powers' Block.

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bunn and Miss Edna Bunn gave a pupils' recital at Mrs. Bunn's studio in the Powers building last evening. There was a large attendance, the studio being filled with friends and the parents of the pupils and the manner in which the young people acquitted themselves was most satisfactory and encouraging to both teachers and parents. This was the first of a series of recitals which will be given by Mrs. and Miss Bunn during the year and which, with the first as a criterion, will be decidedly enjoyable events in the list of amateur musical performances. The program given was as follows:

Sonatine Op. 148, No. 1, Foerster—Miss May Hall.

"Spring's Awakening," Hawley—Miss Grace Hubbard

(a) "Slumber Song," Schumann; (b) "The Chase," Rheinberger.—Miss Maud Benton.

Barcorolle, DeKoven.—Arthur Spence.

"On the Meadow," Lichner—Miss Judith Mills.

"Dear Little Barefoes," Scott—Miss Lena Martin.

"Spinning Song," Gustav Satler—Miss Emma Ewing.

"Little Boy Blue," D'Hardelot.—Miss Lillian King.

"Pierrette," Caminade—Miss Ella Reeve.

(a) "Ave Maria," Mascagni: (b) "Burst Ye Apple Buds," Emery—Miss Ollie Rich.

Revolutionary Etude, Chopin.—Miss Marie Powers.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Entertained by Miss Donna Dawson Wednesday Afternoon.

The Progressive club met with Miss Donna Dawson of West Macon street yesterday afternoon Tennyson was the author studied. This club, which is a pioneer in the studies now sent by the Chicago Record, was organized a year ago and has 15 members The meetings are held on Wednesday afternoon of each week at the home of a member and the subjects are taken up and studied very much as the classes which have taken up the Chicago Record studies this winter. The club is arranging for a reception which will be given soon and which will inaugurate an annual reception day in the club year.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

Jerry M. Duncan and Miss Green Married in Chicago.

Jerry M. Duncan of Lintner and Miss Florence R. Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Green of this city, were married last evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. George B. Scott, in the city of Chicago. Rev. W. F. Black of the Christian church performed the ceremony. The couple will arrive in Decatur within a few days.

DIED AT THE HOSPITAL.

Conductor J. C. Floyd of the Wabash Railway.

J. C. Floyd, the Wabash freight train conductor, who was jolted from a car near Mt. Olive, and had one leg crushed, died at the hospital at Springfield last night. He leaves a widow and three children He was 42 years of age and carried life insurance to the amount of $5000 in the O. R.C and Royal Arcanum. The body will be taken to St. Paul, Ind, for burial.

Class at Clinton.

Mrs. C. H. Cassell left today for Clinton, where she has a large and growing class in dancing. Afternoon and evening lessons are given in the hall, the same as at the armory in Decatur, followed by an assembly ball. The young people of Clinton are quite enthusiastic over their advancement under the instruction of Mrs. Cassell, whose methods are so easily followed, and whose knowledge of all the latest dances enables her to keep her pupils up to date in all that pertains to the terpsichorean art.

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CONGRESS

Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, Rises to Protest.

SAYS HIS STATE IS FOR GOLD

Will Not Pay Any Attention to the Free Silver Kickers in His Party—Business in the House.

Washington, Feb. 4.—In the senate after some preliminary business Lindsay of Kentucky had read a resolution of the Kentucky legislature asking him to resign because he refused to vote for free silver. He reviewed his vote in favor of the gold standard during the first term and said his position was fully understood when he was a candidate for re-election in 1894; that he was elected by the solid Democratic vote; that men who are now calling on him to vote for free silver were the ones who had changed principle and he did not propose to be dictated to by them, especially as a majority of the voters of Kentucky are in favor of the gold standard

At the conclusion of Lindsay's address the senate went into executive session on motion of the foreign affairs committee.

HOUSE.

The bill passed amending the act granting rights of way through the public domain for tramways, canals and reservoirs to cities and private corporations. Heretofore the rights were given only for mining and irrigation. The house proceeded to the consideration of private bills.

Private pension bills, favorably acted on last Friday night, were the first consideration. Hopkins (Rep., Ill.) made some desultory remarks on the first bill. The Democrats, who were anxious to reach the private calendar, charged the Republicans with trying to filibuster away the entire day on pension bills. Several Republicans denied the disposition to filibuster, but continued to prolong the debate.

Will be Well Posted.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Wilson has taken steps for the collection of all the information obtainable in the department of agriculture bearing on the shipment of fresh fruit to the German empire, preliminary to any action necessary after the receipt of full official information as to the scope of the decree of prohibition.

Herman's Decision.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Commissioner Herman of the general land office has decided the case of Catholic Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, involving the right to 30,000 acres of land contracted for by him from the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba road, afterwards found not conveyable from the government to the road, the archbishop in the meantime having located many settlers on the property Herman holds that the archbishop had no right to make a purchase, under one contract, involving five thousand acres, but had such right under the other, in the first case However, the rights of the settlers are protected.

Nominations.

The president today nominated R. A. Hitchcock ambassador to Russia. He is the present minister and this action raises the grade of our representative to St Petersburg to the rank of ambassador, to meet similar action on the part of Russia.

The following postmasters were nominated: R. F. Lawson, Effingham; W. H Norris, Carlyle; G A. Lyan, Amboy; W. A. Musset, Grayville; W. S. Pittman, Jerseyville; S. B. Beach, Mason City; H. R. Buerman, Nashville; T. A. Jewett, Oregon; R. F. Ledoit, Sandwich, C. M. Tinny, Virginia; J. H. Pierson, Carrolton; W. F. Hackman, Staunton.

Iowa—W. H. Tyrell, Waverly; C. M. Elder, Rock Valley; A. W. Lee, Ottumwa; A. M. Brimer, Corning; H. E. Bo-Bager, Afton.

WANTS TO STAY.

Governor Bushnell Wishes to Remain Republican—Sores are Healing.

New York, Feb. 4.—Gov. A. S. Bushnell of Ohio is in the city. "I have been at Old Point Comfort with my wife, son and daughter-in law," he said, "and I know nothing about the senate investigation more than I have read in the newspapers.

"In regard to the Hanna campaign, my prominence in the fight was exaggerated. I desired to remain neutral, but I was told I must support and love Mr. Hanna and when I said I could not do so I was attacked so unjustly that I was forced to fall in with the opposition. But it is all over now and ...